All Athletic Training students (ATS), including Sports Health students participating in observational experiences, will adhere to the following policy regarding confidentiality. Anyone failing to adhere to this policy and/or the National Athletic Trainers’ Association (NATA) Code of Ethics will be subject to disciplinary action outlined in the Athletic Training Education Program (ATEP) “Yellow Card” Infraction Policy and /or the University of Delaware Office of Student Conduct. NATA’s Code of Ethics may be found at http://www.nata.org/sites/default/files/code_of_ethics.pdf

As an Athletic Training or Sports Health student, you have an obligation to yourself, to all athletes, coaches, clinical affiliated sites, your clinical supervisors, and to University of Delaware, to withhold any information you acquire professionally or socially which is considered confidential, from anyone (including the media) other than your immediate supervisors. This includes any information about a student-athlete’s medical condition, the treatment and rehabilitation of any medical condition, and any information which you acquire in the locker rooms, athletic training rooms, physician’s offices, or any information that is not considered to be public knowledge.

The unique opportunity you have to observe and participate in intercollegiate, intramural, and interscholastic athletics, as well as professional clinical environments as a health care professional will be jeopardized if you violate confidentiality. Furthermore, the professional rapport you establish with student-athletes, coaches, athletic trainers, patients, and physicians is tainted by your lack of discretion and violation of this code of confidentiality as well as the Code of Ethics of the NATA. However, Athletic Training and Sports Health students alike should see fit to report to their preceptor (supervisor) incidences of child abuse, sexual misconduct, and other safety concerns that they may learn about or identify during the course of their clinical experience.

UD ATEP Athletic Training students will complete clinical rotations in a variety of settings. Sports Health students will complete obersvational experience at UD sites only. ALL students are required to become familiar with the policies and procedures governing those respective clinical environments. It is known that ALL Athletic Training and Sports Health students will sign and date the “Confidentiality Pledge” for UD ATEP and University of Delaware Student Health Services. Other clinical venues may require students to sign separate pledge documents in accordance with local policies.

The following is the UD ATEP pledge:

Confidentiality Pledge

This is to certify that I have read and understand the responsibilities entrusted to me regarding the confidentiality of student-athlete medical records. I understand that by having access to medical records I become an integral part of this confidential relationship between the student-athlete and the medical team. I must not divulge, under any circumstance, medical (or other) information entrusted to me and my care. Finally, I acknowledge and understand the HIPPA and FERPA laws as discussed during the ATEP in-service training program.

By signing below I have indicated my agreement and understanding of this policy regarding confidentiality.

(Name – Please Print)

(Signature)  (Date)