

Sports Medicine Course Teacher Permit/FAQ's 4-8-2015

Teacher Certification Requirements

Q-Who determines teacher certification requirements for employment in independent/charter school districts?

A-Each individual school districts/Charter schools establish policies and procedures for teacher certification requirements according to the Texas Education Code.

Schools Offering the TSATA Sports Medicine Courses

Q-Can an independent school district/charter school offer the TSATA Sports Medicine Courses if the licensed athletic trainer is not teacher certified or does not obtain a District Teaching Permit?

A-Yes, an independent school district/charter school can offer any of the Sports Medicine Courses for local credit, but state elective graduation cannot be awarded to the students. The TSATA shall grant permission to use these courses for local credit as long as the instructor meets the instructor requirements.

District Teacher Permit

Q-Who approves the TEA District Teaching Permit applications?

A-Administrative staff in the Commissioner's of Education collects the application materials provided by the schools based on standards set by 1985 legislation. The issue is the three years of full pay experience required in the old statute. TSATA Executive Director and the TSATA Lobbyist are proposing modifications to the State Board of Educational Certification deputy commissioner. Hopefully this could be resolved by May, 2015.

Q-What are the teacher requirements for school district's offering the Sports Medicine Courses?

A-A teacher of the sports medicine courses must hold any valid Texas secondary teacher certification. All instructors of the TSATA Sports Medicine I, II, and III courses that DO NOT CURRENTLY HOLD a valid teaching certificate will need to be on a School District Teaching Permit (SDTP) that is submitted by the employing school district. The application and information about the SDTP are available on the TEA website at http://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Certification/School_District_Teaching_Permits/.

The instructor of any TSATA Sports Medicine innovative course shall also:

- 1) Be a licensed athletic trainer.*
- 2) Have completed the Sports Medicine Instructor's Curriculum Course.*

If your employing school district is submitting a SDTP on your behalf to teach one of the Sports Medicine courses, they must also submit your certificate showing that you are a licensed athletic trainer in the state of Texas and your certificate for completing the Texas State Athletic Trainer's Association instructor course.

Health Science Technology Courses

Q-What are the requirements to teach courses in Health Science Technology included in the Career Technology Education Curriculum.

A-A licensed Healthcare professional, with three years of full time employment history, will qualify the applicant to enroll in the Health Science Teacher certification program. This comprises of approximately 12 semester hours and seminars.

Q-Can a licensed athletic trainer, who teaches Health Science Technology courses, award graduation credit if he/she is not HST teacher certified?

A-No.

Q-Can Innovative Courses, such as the TSATA Sports Medicine Courses, is taught for Health Science Technology credit?

A-No, but the TSATA Sports Medicine Courses may be used as electives for pathways or graduation plan endorsements in the Health Science Technology program. TSATA Sports Medicine Courses must be taught by a licensed athletic trainer.

Innovative Courses

Q-Who can sponsor or propose an Innovative Course to the Texas Education Agency,

A-A professional organization or a public/charter school may submit a TEA Innovative Course application.

Q-How are Innovative Courses approved to be taught for elective graduation credit in Texas Public/Charter Schools?

A-The Curriculum Division of the TEA evaluates and approves all Innovative Courses to be offered for state elective graduation credit in Texas Public/Charter Schools. Course approval expires after three years, and a new application must be submitted for re-approval.

Q-Who can teach TEA, approved Innovative Sports Medicine Courses for student elective graduation credit?

A-The requirements for instructor's to teach the Innovative Sports Medicine Course is:

Teachers of the sports medicine courses must hold any valid Texas secondary teacher certification. All instructors, of the TSATA Sports Medicine I, II, and III courses, who DO NOT CURRENTLY HOLD a valid teaching certificate will need to be on a School District Teaching Permit (SDTP) that is submitted by the employing school district. The application and information about the District Teaching Permit is located on the TEA website at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=2147500508&cmsMode=Preview>.

The instructor of any TSATA Sports Medicine innovative course shall also:

1) Be a licensed athletic trainer.

2) Have completed the Sports Medicine Instructor's Curriculum Course.

Instructor's Course

Q-What is the purpose of the TSATA Sports Medicine Instructor's Course?

A-The Sports Medicine Instructor's Course was recommended/required by the TEA for presenting, developing, and maintaining a standard curriculum for all Innovative Sports Medicine Courses in the state of Texas. The instructor's course's purpose was to insure quality instruction.