

Candidate Information

Texas Athletic Trainer Licensure Examinations

Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers **Texas Department of State Health Services**

The Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers does not provide study guides for the state licensure examinations. Questions on the Texas Athletic Trainer Written Examination and the Texas Athletic Trainer Practical Examination are drawn from the sources cited on the *Examination Reference List*, which is provided in all application packets and is posted on the board's homepage at <<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/hcqs/plc/at.htm>>

Texas Athletic Trainer Written Examination

The written examination for athletic trainer licensure consists of 150 multiple-choice and matching items. Of these, 140 questions are scored and 10 are pretest items. The pretest items are not counted in the scoring of the examination. They are distributed among the other scorable items and will be used for statistical purposes. Pretest items are similar to the scorable items on the test and you will not know which items are scorable and which are not. You should therefore answer all examination questions. The breakdown of content areas for the scored items is as follows:

22 questions	Prevention
32 questions	Clinical Evaluation and Diagnosis
24 questions	Immediate Care
33 questions	Treatment, Rehabilitation and Reconditioning
16 questions	Organization and Administration
<u>13</u> questions	Professional Development and Responsibility
140	

All questions in each content area are grouped together. Each question has only one correct answer. Read each item carefully and choose the most appropriate answer. Your score will be the percentage of items you answer correctly, so answer all items on the examination. There is no penalty for guessing. Complete the items you know first and save the others until later.

If you change an answer, be sure to erase your first answer completely. Do not change answers unless you are very sure of the change. Your first response is more likely to be correct. Be sure all questions have one answer marked before you turn in your answer sheet. You will have two and one-half hours to complete the written examination.

You will record your answers using a #2 pencil on a machine scorable answer sheet. Pencils will be provided. Do not place stray marks on the answer sheet.

The passing score for the written examination is set by a criterion-referenced statistical method and is not an arbitrary number, such as 70. Your test results will be mailed within 30 days of the examination date. Test results will not be given over the telephone.

If you require special assistance on the written examination in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, you must notify the board in advance by completing the disability accommodation form

included in your application packet. The form must be accompanied by documentation of your disability.

Sample Questions

The following sample items are similar to the type found on the written examination.

1. The following muscles originate at the coracoid process EXCEPT:
 - a. gastrocnemius
 - b. coracobrachialis
 - c. biceps
 - d. pectoralis minor

2. The _____ is a flat, triangular bone of the shoulder:
 - a. tricepicle
 - b. acromion
 - c. ischium
 - d. scapula

3. In which manner can Acquired Human Immune Deficiency Syndrome be transmitted?
 - a. Unprotected sexual activity
 - b. Sharing hypodermic needles during drug use
 - c. Passage from an infected mother to her unborn child
 - d. All of the above

Answers: 1. A; 2. D; 3. D

Texas Athletic Trainer Practical Examination

The practical examination for athletic trainer licensure assesses the application of information through hands-on demonstration. The breakdown of content areas covered on the practical examination is as follows:

Prevention

Immediate Care

Treatment, Rehabilitation and Reconditioning

Clinical Evaluation and Diagnosis

You will take the practical examination in a clinical exam room with two skill examiners and a model. All skill examiners and models are licensed athletic trainers. The practical examination is taped and you will be asked to state your name at the beginning of the session. Examiners are not allowed to turn off the tape recorder until the examination is completed. Each question will be read aloud. Two skill examiners will independently rate your demonstration as you perform manual tasks on the model. Examiners may move around the exam room in order to properly observe your demonstration. Candidates are not allowed to bring any apparatus or equipment for the practical examination.

Your score on the practical examination is based on demonstration of the required skills. Verbal responses are not considered.

You may not skip a question. If you do, you will not receive credit for the question and may not return to it later in the examination. You may ask that a question be repeated, but examiners are not allowed to

paraphrase a question. The examiners are not allowed to respond to any question you might ask if the response would provide a clue in performing the task. Models will perform any movement or task that you request, but will not respond verbally to any question you might ask. Models do not speak during the examination. You may request a bathroom break, if needed, during the examination. You are not allowed to bring anything with you into the examination room. Cell phones, pagers, and electronic devices are not permitted at the test site.

Examiners are not allowed to discuss your performance with you during or after the practical examination. If you experience an unfavorable situation or problem during the examination, mention it immediately to your skill examiners. Skill examiners will resolve any problems that may arise in accordance with procedures established by the board and the test site administrator.

After checking in for the practical examination, you are not allowed to leave the testing area until your test is completed, at which time you *must* leave the testing area.

The passing score for the practical examination is set by a criterion-referenced statistical method and is not an arbitrary number, such as 70. It is scaled to a score of 75. Your test results will be mailed within 30 days of the examination date. Test results will not be given over the telephone.

If you require special assistance on the practical examination in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, you must notify the board in advance by completing the disability accommodation form included in your application packet. The form must be accompanied by documentation of your disability.

Sample Question

The following sample item is similar to the type found on the practical examination.

Demonstrate how you would properly fit a pair of crutches.

1. Candidate positions model standing.
Yes ___ No ____
2. Candidate adjusts crutches 1 to 1 1/2 inches (2-3 fingers) below the axilla.
Yes ___ No ____
3. Candidate positions crutches approximately 6 inches away from foot and 2 inches in front of foot.
Yes ____ No ____
4. Candidate adjusts hand grips so that elbow flexion is between 20-30 degrees.
Yes ___ No ____