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The Arkansas State Athletics Department stands firmly as an advocate for the University's addition of a master's degree program in Athletic Training to be housed in the College of Nursing and Health Professions. Our department has five full-time athletic trainers who are ATC, and they are a vital resource for our student's health and physical-performance needs. With over 360 students participating in our 16 intercollegiate sports, we also have five graduate assistant athletic trainers on staff and serve as an outstanding outlet for student's to conduct their clinical work necessary to obtain their degrees. Just like every other NCAA institution, we look for qualified ATC candidates who have participated in quality graduate programs, such as the one proposed in the Arkansas State University College of Nursing and Health Professions, to enhance our program and student experience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read 'Terry Mohajir', is written over a white background.

Terry Mohajir  
Director of Athletics  
Arkansas State University



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We hire Athletic Trainers for six of the High Schools in the Northeast Arkansas area. We have trainers at Jonesboro High School, Valley View School, Nettleton School, Westside School, Brookland School, and Wynne School. In our area of expertise it is very important to have highly educated candidates that can become licensed staff members and a crucial part of our Company.

Thank You,

Kim West  
Human Resource Manager



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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Jerry Fenter. I am a physical therapist and owner of Fenter Physical Therapy. Fenter PT provides physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy along with athletic training services throughout Eastern Arkansas. We are greatly in support of this new advancement in the athletic training program at Arkansas State. Currently, Fenter Physical Therapy uses a certified athletic trainer for a variety of services such as covering local high school sporting events including practices and games. However, the majority of the work related activities are geared towards providing services to industrial and transportation companies for pre-employment hiring screens and job-related assessments. In the area in which we live having athletic trainers with increased knowledge and a strong background will be a huge advantage for our company and for the clients we serve. The other advantage for employers like myself is that having graduates from Arkansas State University allows me to potentially hire employees that live in my community as it is very difficult at this time to find athletic trainers living in the Delta. Fenter Physical Therapy believes in the need to make advancements in the ATC program. We also feel that it will be beneficial to the profession and the region. Personally and professionally, I fully support ASU's continued efforts to improve healthcare in our region.

Thank you,

Jerry Fenter, MPT  
Owner/CEO  
Fenter Physical Therapy, LLC

To: Arkansas Department of Higher Education  
From: Carol Halford, Department Ch. Health and Physical Education  
Date: 7/12/16  
Re: Support for ATC Graduate Program at Arkansas State University

I am writing this letter as a show of support for an ATC graduate program at Arkansas State University. The implementation of this degree program is timely as the AT Strategic Alliance released an official statement in 2015 in regard to the change in degree level for Athletic Trainers.

I am also in support of the institution's decision to house the degree in the College of Nursing and Health Professions as do many institutions of higher learning.

We are fortunate to work with the head of the ATC program, Dr. Amanda Wheeler. She and her staff have provided Williams Baptist College the opportunity to serve as a site for field experience for many years. These students provide valuable assistance to our athletic program.

The master's level education should provide a more mature ATC with a higher rate of longevity in the profession.