Section 52.27, Athletic Training

a. Definitions. As used in this section:
   1. Acceptable accrediting agency shall mean an organization accepted by the department as a reliable authority for the purpose of accreditation at the postsecondary level, applying its criteria for granting accreditation in a fair, consistent, and nondiscriminatory manner, such as an agency recognized for this purpose by the United States Department of Education.
   2. Human biological and physical sciences and social and behavioral sciences content area shall mean courses which include, but are not limited to, the following curricular areas:
      i. principles of human anatomy and physiology;
      ii. neuroscience;
      iii. nutrition;
      iv. pharmacology;
      v. psychology;
      vi. sports psychology; and
      vii. counseling, education and communication skills.
   3. Professional athletic training content area shall mean didactic courses and supervised clinical experiences which include, but are not limited to, the following curricular areas:
      i. kinesiology/biomechanics;
      ii. exercise physiology;
      iii. infection control;
      iv. professionalism and ethics; and
      v. prevention and care of athletic injuries, including but not limited to: preconditioning, conditioning, reconditioning, recognition, assessment, therapeutic modalities, therapeutic exercise, first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
   4. Practicum shall mean a supervised clinical experience in the practice of athletic training, as defined in section 8352 of the Education Law.

b. Curriculum. In addition to meeting all applicable provisions of this Part, to be registered as a program recognized as leading to certification in athletic training which meets the requirements in section 79-7.2 of this Title, it shall be a program leading to the baccalaureate degree, its equivalent or higher academic degree, which contains at least 9 semester hours or its equivalent of course work in the human biological and physical sciences and social and behavioral sciences content area; at least 30 semester hours or its equivalent of course work in the professional athletic training content area; and a practicum as described in paragraph (a)(4) of this section which shall consist of 800 clock hours or the number of clock hours that is required for accreditation by an acceptable accrediting agency.

§79-7.1 Definitions.

As used in this Subpart:

a. Acceptable accrediting agency shall mean an organization accepted by the department as a reliable authority for the purpose of accreditation at the post-secondary level, applying its criteria for granting accreditation in a fair, consistent, and non-discriminatory manner, such as an agency recognized for this purpose by the United States Department of Education.

b. Certification shall mean authorization to use the title certified athletic trainer.

c. Acceptable United States certifying body shall mean an organization which certifies athletic trainers on a nationwide basis in the United States and has standards for membership or to become certified satisfactory to the department, including but not limited to, completion of significant post-secondary course work in athletic training or a related field and successful performance on an appropriate examination.

§79-7.2 Education requirements.

To meet the professional education requirements for certification in this State, the applicant shall present satisfactory evidence of completing:
§79-7.3 Experience requirements.

An applicant shall meet the experience requirement for certification by completing the practicum, or clinical or work experience which the applicant must complete as part of the professional education requirements for certification, as prescribed in section 79-7.2 of this Subpart.

§79-7.4 Professional licensing examinations.

a. Except as provided in section 79-7.5 of this Subpart, each applicant for certification shall pass an examination that is determined by the department to measure the applicant's knowledge of and judgment concerning the content areas that constitute a registered program leading to certification in athletic training, as defined in section 52.27 of this Title.

b. Education requirements for admission. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 59.2 of this Title, an applicant for certification shall not be required to satisfy all education requirements before being admitted to a professional licensing examination in athletic training. Such education shall be completed prior to certification.

c. Grade retention. The grade retention limitations of subdivision (f) of section 59.5 of this Title shall not be applicable to a professional licensing examination in athletic training.

d. Passing standard. The passing standard for each examination shall be a standard acceptable to the State Board for Medicine in consultation with the State Committee for Athletic Trainers.

§79-7.5 Special provisions.

An applicant shall not be required to meet the examination requirements for certification as prescribed in section 79-7.4 of this Subpart, provided that by February 7, 2000, the applicant:

a. has filed an application and paid the required statutory fees to the department;
b. has met the education requirements prescribed in section 79-7.2 of this Subpart;
c. is at least 21 years of age; and
d. has either:
1. been actively engaged in the practice of athletic training, as defined in section 8352 of the Education Law, for at least four years during the seven years immediately preceding August 2, 1993; or
2. been certified by an acceptable United States certifying body.