ATHLETIC TRAINING INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

• Tell us about your background and professional preparation for this job (educational background, previous positions held, etc.)
• Why did you apply to this position?
• Tell us how you prepared for this interview.
• Be prepared to answer any questions related to your resume, cover letter, or anything that the committee may have learned while completing your reference checks.
• Communication and people skills questions:
  o How would a colleague in the field describe you? How would your athletes describe you? How would a coach describe you?
  o How would you deal with an angry or upset injured athlete?
  o How do you find common ground with someone with whom you have a difference of opinion?
  o How would you deal with an athlete who is noncompliant with your rehab program?
• Coping skills / how do you handle stress in the workplace:
  o Describe a time when you were faced with problems or stresses at work or school that tested your coping skills. What did you do?
• Tell us about your strengths? Weaknesses?
• Describe your work ethic.
• What personal/professional traits make for an effective preceptor / supervisor of athletic training students (if supervising or clinical instruction is part of the job requirement).
• This job will not be a 9 am to 5 pm job, and it will involve some travel and some weekend work. Will you be able to handle that?
• There may be job specific questions to identify your preparation to handle the job (i.e. experience working an equipment intensive sport, or other qualifications that might be helpful to a specific job such as having a strength and conditioning certification or experience with Impact Testing, or nutritional analysis, etc.)
• What do you think is the biggest challenge you will face if you are offered and accept this position?
• Why should we hire YOU? What can you do for us that someone else cannot?
• Do you have any questions for us (yes, you should always have questions for them)?