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Athletic Trainer OR Sports Medicine Provider, APRN-CNP

South Central Local Schools is seeking a qualified health care professional to provide athletic health and sports medicine services for South Central student-athletes.

The District's preferred candidate is an **Athletic Trainer currently licensed to practice athletic training in the State of Ohio**. South Central Local Schools will also consider a qualified **Ohio-licensed Advanced Practice Registered Nurse designated as a Certified Nurse Practitioner, APRN-CNP**, to serve as a Sports Medicine Provider, provided the candidate's education, certification, nursing specialty, scope of practice, physician collaboration arrangement, and demonstrated competency authorize the services assigned to this position.

The individual selected for this position will provide services only within the scope authorized by the individual's professional license and applicable Ohio law.

Primary Responsibilities

Responsibilities may include:

- Providing athletic health coverage for practices, home contests, and other athletic activities as assigned.
- Evaluating injuries and illnesses involving student-athletes and determining appropriate immediate care, treatment, referral, and follow-up within the provider's authorized scope of practice.
- Providing emergency and first-response care during athletic activities.
- Assisting with the prevention, recognition, assessment, management, treatment, rehabilitation, and reconditioning of athletic injuries when authorized by the individual's professional license and applicable Ohio law.
- Coordinating referrals to physicians and other appropriate health care professionals when additional evaluation or treatment is necessary.
- Assisting with concussion recognition, assessment, management, and return-to-participation procedures in accordance with Ohio law and applicable professional licensing requirements.

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- Assisting with implementation of Ohio's sudden cardiac arrest requirements, commonly known as Lindsay's Law.
- Assisting the District with Emergency Action Plans, AED preparedness, heat-related illness protocols, emergency response procedures, and other student-athlete health and safety measures.
- Maintaining appropriate documentation of injuries, evaluations, treatments, referrals, and return-to-participation decisions.
- Communicating appropriately with students, parents or guardians, coaches, administrators, school health personnel, physicians, emergency medical personnel, and other health care professionals.
- Maintaining compliance with applicable Ohio law, professional licensing requirements, OHSA regulations and sports medicine guidance, and South Central Local Schools policies and procedures.

Qualification Pathway 1

Ohio Licensed Athletic Trainer

Applicants seeking to serve as the District's Athletic Trainer must:

- Hold a **current and valid Ohio license to practice as an Athletic Trainer** through the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4755.
- Meet all applicable Ohio education, examination, clinical experience, licensure, and continuing education requirements.
- Practice in accordance with the referral requirements of Ohio Revised Code 4755.623.
- As a condition of this position, maintain an appropriate **written physician collaboration agreement** sufficient to permit the services assigned by the District under Ohio Revised Code 4755.621.
- Perform athletic training services only within the scope authorized by Ohio law, the individual's license, applicable referral requirements, and the physician collaboration agreement.
- If performing concussion assessment or return-to-participation clearance, satisfy all applicable physician relationship, education, competency, and documentation requirements established by Ohio law and Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4755-5-01.

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- Maintain current professional-level CPR/AED certification as a condition of employment with South Central Local Schools.
- Maintain any additional emergency-care certifications or professional credentials required by the District.

A person employed and represented by South Central Local Schools as an **Athletic Trainer** must hold the applicable Ohio Athletic Trainer license.

Qualification Pathway 2

Sports Medicine Provider, APRN-CNP

South Central Local Schools may alternatively consider an **Ohio-licensed Advanced Practice Registered Nurse designated as a Certified Nurse Practitioner, APRN-CNP**, to provide sports medicine and student-athlete health services.

A Certified Nurse Practitioner selected under this pathway must:

- Hold a current and valid Ohio nursing license and APRN-CNP designation.
- Possess education, national certification, nursing specialty, and demonstrated competency that authorize the care of the student population and the sports medicine services assigned to this position.
- Practice only within the scope authorized by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4723, applicable Ohio Board of Nursing rules, the individual's education, national certification, nursing specialty, and demonstrated competency.
- As a condition of this position, maintain a **written Standard Care Arrangement with an appropriately qualified Ohio physician** in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 4723.431 and Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4723-8-04.
- Maintain a Standard Care Arrangement with a physician whose practice is the same as or similar to the CNP's practice and is appropriate for the services assigned by the District.
- Provide services in collaboration with the physician identified in the Standard Care Arrangement as required by Ohio law.
- Maintain appropriate procedures for physician consultation, referral, emergency coverage, patient management, quality assurance, and other requirements contained in the Standard Care Arrangement.

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- If performing concussion assessment or return-to-participation clearance, have a practice that includes patients **ages four through nineteen** and collaborate with a physician whose practice also includes patients ages four through nineteen, as required by Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4723-8-11.
- Complete and maintain all concussion education, continuing competency, assessment, clearance, and documentation requirements established by Ohio law and the Ohio Board of Nursing.
- Maintain current professional-level CPR/AED certification as a condition of employment with South Central Local Schools.
- Maintain any additional emergency-care certifications or professional credentials required by the District.

Under Ohio Revised Code 4755.65, an appropriately licensed health care professional, including a professional licensed under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4723, may provide services that overlap with athletic training when those services are performed within the lawful scope of that professional's own license.

An APRN-CNP who is **not separately licensed as an Ohio Athletic Trainer will serve as a Sports Medicine Provider and will not be represented by South Central Local Schools as an "Athletic Trainer."**

The APRN-CNP may provide athletic health and sports medicine services only to the extent those services are authorized by the individual's professional license, nursing specialty, certification, physician collaboration arrangement, and applicable Ohio law.

Concussion and Return-to-Participation Requirements

Any individual assigned responsibility for concussion assessment or written return-to-participation clearance must satisfy the requirements of Ohio Revised Code 3313.539 and all applicable rules of the individual's professional licensing board.

A student suspected of sustaining a concussion will be removed from athletic participation and may return only in accordance with Ohio law and applicable OHSA procedures.

An Athletic Trainer performing concussion assessment or return-to-participation clearance must satisfy the applicable requirements of Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4755-5-01.

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An APRN-CNP performing concussion assessment or return-to-participation clearance must satisfy the applicable requirements of Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4723-8-11, including requirements related to the care of patients ages four through nineteen, physician collaboration, concussion education, continuing competency, and required documentation.

Nothing in this job description authorizes an employee to provide concussion assessment, medical clearance, diagnosis, treatment, prescribing, rehabilitation, or other regulated health care services beyond the scope permitted by the individual's professional license and Ohio law.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest and Emergency Care

The selected provider will assist South Central Local Schools in complying with applicable requirements of Ohio Revised Code 3313.5310 and related requirements concerning sudden cardiac arrest, emergency recognition, removal from participation, referral, and return to athletic participation.

The provider may issue or participate in return-to-participation decisions only when legally authorized to do so under Ohio law and the individual's professional license.

Additional Qualifications

Preferred candidates will demonstrate:

- Experience in sports medicine, athletic health care, orthopedics, emergency care, pediatrics, adolescent health, or a related area.
- Experience working with school-age or adolescent patients.
- Knowledge of common athletic injuries and illnesses.
- Knowledge of concussion management, sudden cardiac arrest, heat illness, emergency response, and musculoskeletal injuries.
- Strong emergency assessment and decision-making skills.
- Ability to work collaboratively with physicians, school nurses, administrators, coaches, parents, emergency medical personnel, and other health care professionals.
- Strong communication, documentation, organizational, and professional judgment skills.
- Availability for afternoon, evening, and occasional weekend athletic events.

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- Ability to satisfy all South Central Local Schools employment, criminal background check, credentialing, registration, and safety requirements applicable to the individual's position and professional classification.

Professional Scope of Practice

All services provided in connection with this position must remain within the individual's legally authorized professional scope of practice.

South Central Local Schools does not authorize any employee to:

- Practice athletic training without the licensure required by Ohio law.
- Use the title "Athletic Trainer" unless legally authorized to do so.
- Practice medicine, advanced practice nursing, athletic training, or another regulated health profession beyond the scope authorized by the individual's license.
- Perform concussion clearance, return-to-play decisions, prescribing, treatment, rehabilitation, or other regulated health care services unless specifically authorized by Ohio law and the individual's applicable professional licensing authority.
- Perform duties that are inconsistent with required physician collaboration, referral, Standard Care Arrangement, or other applicable professional requirements.

Position Details

Position: Athletic Trainer OR Sports Medicine Provider, APRN-CNP

Employer: South Central Local Schools

Location: Greenwich, Ohio

Schedule: Athletic practices, contests, and other events as assigned

Compensation: Commensurate with qualifications, credentials, experience, assigned responsibilities, and employment arrangement

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To Apply

Interested candidates should submit:

- Letter of interest
- Resume
- Verification of applicable Ohio professional license
- Relevant professional certifications
- Documentation of CPR/AED certification
- Any additional credentials relevant to sports medicine, adolescent health care, or athletic training

Application materials should be submitted to:

South Central Local Schools

Darren Hunt | dhunt@south-central.org

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

South Central Local Schools is an equal opportunity employer.

Applicable Legal and Regulatory Authority

This position is intended to operate in accordance with applicable Ohio law, including Ohio Revised Code Chapters 4723 and 4755, Ohio Revised Code 3313.539, Ohio Revised Code 3313.5310, Ohio Administrative Code rules applicable to Athletic Trainers and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, and applicable OHSA sports medicine requirements and guidance.

Professional duties and authority will be determined by the license held by the individual selected for the position, the individual's education and professional specialty, applicable physician collaboration or referral requirements, and Ohio law in effect at the time services are provided.

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