

My name is Dr. Kayla Shinew and I am currently the program director at California University of PA. Going into my second year here, I have really enjoyed being back in PA, where the society of athletic trainers is so tight-knit and collaborative. I graduated from Lock Haven University and forgot the unique connection this region has with their local professional organizations. Previously, I was the program director at Ohio University for 7 years, where I also earned my doctorate.

I got into athletic training because I was looking for an exciting, fast-paced healthcare field that also gave me the opportunity to work with physically active populations. Our professionals have the unique opportunity to see a patient at their worst, and then working with them through the progression to get them back to participation. Not only this, but the infiltration of AT clinicians into such diverse settings demonstrates our willingness to push the market in healthcare. Athletic training has been the perfect fit for me and now as a professional and educator I am looking for a way to connect, support, and give back to the profession at the state level.

I've served as a CAATE Site Visitor since 2014. Through my faculty position at Ohio University, I served on the School of Applied Health Science Program & Curriculum Committee, Professional Enhancement & Development Committee, Publicity Committee, numerous faculty and graduate assistance search committees. Through the College of Health Sciences & Professions I was appointed to the Faculty Advisory Committee and the Interprofessional Education Committee. At CalU, I've served on the Department of Health Science Promotion Committee, several faculty search committees, and participate in the Faculty & Mentor Program.

As a member of the PATS Executive Board, I would like to continue to support the efforts of educational advancement. Athletic training education is at a pivotal point in advancing within the healthcare world. I would like to encourage professional development within PATS with knowledge sharing and continued support for the advancement of that knowledge. I would like to encourage increased participation of athletic training students, teaching them the importance of contributing to the profession. I am extremely proud to watch our profession evolve and want to be a part of our continued growth.