Acute Management of Injury and Illness Courses Approved by ABPTS Sports Specialty Council

To satisfy the Acute Management of Injury and Illness requirement, candidates may select one course from the blue box.

*Please note that this list is not exhaustive and does not indicate any preferred listing of the Specialty Council.*
These courses in the blue boxes meet the minimum eligibility requirements as determined by the Sports Specialty Council.

Emergency Medical Response for the Athlete (ERA) – Cogent Steps

Emergency Medical Response for Management of Injury and Illness in Athlete – Memorial Hermann

Emergency Medical Responder – Evidence in Motion

Candidates can select one among Initial Certification, Recertification, or Challenge course to satisfy the requirement.

Immediate and Emergency Care online courses by Danny Smith – Medbridge (must take all 5 to satisfy the requirement)

- Protective Equipment in Sports
- Athlete Care, Spinal, and Visceral Injuries
- Environmental Considerations and Hydration
- Musculoskeletal Injuries
- Shock, Soft Tissue Injuries, Sickle Cell, and Sudden Cardiac Death
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Emergency Medical Response Course for the Sports Physical Therapist - Physical Therapy Services of Tennessee

Sports Emergency Medical Responder – Osteo-Medsport LLC
To satisfy the Acute Management of Injury and Illness requirement, candidates will need to select one course from the orange box and complete the five online courses offered by Medbridge.

Courses satisfying the in-person EMR Requirement

Certification or Licensure as an Emergency Medical Technician

Certification or Licensure as a Paramedic

Emergency Medical Responder Courses (choose one)
- American Red Cross
- American Safety and Health Institute
- Cogent Steps
- Inver Hills Community College
- North Dakota Department of Health
- Tarkana College

Wilderness Upgrade for Medical Professionals

Wilderness First Aid with NOLS and REI

Courses satisfying the online Sports-Related Requirement

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- Athlete Care, Spinal, and Visceral Injuries
- Environmental Considerations and Hydration
- Musculoskeletal Injuries
- Shock, Soft Tissue Injuries, Sickle Cell, and Sudden Cardiac Death

Effective January 1, 2019 the courses listed above only satisfy the requirement if combined with the courses listed in the green box.
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Applicants who wish to have the Specialty Council evaluate whether a training course meets the minimum eligibility requirements must submit the following information about the course to APTA for Sports Specialty Council review:

- course description
- objectives
- schedule
- content outline
- assessment methods

Send initial certification requests to spec-cert@apta.org and recertification requests to spec-recert@apta.org.

All courses must meet the approved content outline requirements for consideration.