



# Rod Walters II, DA, ATC

## EDUCATION

**Middle Tennessee State University**, Doctor of Arts, Physical Education, May, 1988  
**Appalachian State University**, Master of Arts, Physical Education, August, 1980  
**Appalachian State University**, Bachelor of Science, Physical Education, August, 1979

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 27 years in directing healthcare in collegiate setting
- Inducted in NATA's Hall of Fame in 2005
- Published *Tape, I-C-E, and Sound Advice*, September 2012 (Morgan-James Publishing).  
A compilation of life and business principles based on life and career of Rod Walters.

Hard work, sacrifice, and a fervent desire to help others achieve greater successes in their careers are the hallmarks of the storied career of Dr. Rod Walters. Recognized as an innovator, thought leader and crusader in the field of collegiate athletic training, Walters is one of the most highly sought after consultants and public speakers in the field today, not only by collegiate athletic departments but by professional sports organizations as well.

The recent concussion crisis has exposed sports medicine and the shortcomings of patient care. Rod Walters was involved in the care and prevention of student-athlete injuries for twenty-seven years on college campuses from Hickory, North Carolina (Lenoir-Rhyne College) to Boone, North Carolina (Appalachian State University) to Columbia, South Carolina (University of South Carolina). The National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) Hall of Fame Athletic Trainer expanded his service to a consulting role in 2007. Clients include the Professional Baseball Umpires of MLB, the National Football League and the Big 12 Conference, where he provides monitoring services to further assist with concussions.

With increased media coverage, the public sees concussions and all the scenarios that are playing out in sports. Care has evolved and is significantly different than care in the early nineties. Through evidenced-based education courses, Walters offers seminars on a variety of topics including concussion care, hamstring injuries, casting and splinting techniques. His attendees range from high school athletic trainers to professional sports. Walters offers a behind the scenes presentation to the issues with concussion care, the mitigation of forces, and the challenges going forward with patient care on all levels. Due to his experience and knowledge, Walters has become a resource for clients to see expertise and best practices. His opinions are sought by many, as an expert witness. Walters' ability to relate to clients has been further sought due to his practical applications of principles of the Emergency Action Plan as well as the challenges of dealing with Exertional Heat Illness in Sports.

Walters is married to Susan Ferguson of Columbia, SC, and they have four children and four grandchildren.