

D. Rod Walters II, DA, ATC

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
- Made more than 3,000 presentations on athletic training
- 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.

An innovative professional, Rod Walters has enjoyed a storied career as a collegiate athletic trainer. Most recently, Walters has provided outstanding consultations and is a much-sought after public speaker through Walters Inc. – Consultants in Sports Medicine.

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). Walters has provided program review and high profile investigations to matters secondary to sports participation. His expertise is well respected in the profession. Based upon his experience, Walters has been a highly sought expert witness for matters related to sports injury. 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 NFL and the Big 12 Conference, where he provides monitoring services to further assist with concussions. Walters was the lead ATC Spotter for the 2019 Super Bowl. Walters was recognized as the 2011 Distinguished Athletic Training Alumni Award from Middle Tennessee State University and likewise the 2018 Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award from the University of South Carolina.

As the lead investigator of the exertional heat stroke death of University of Maryland student-athlete, Walters acclaimed national media for the report and investigation. Walters was asked to direct the University's inaugural Athletic Medicine Review Board, and is also serving the University of Georgia on their Athletic Medicine Review Board.

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 the entire NFL. 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.



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