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**CANADIAN ATHLETIC THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION ACCREDITS ACADIA UNIVERSITY
ATHLETIC THERAPY PROGRAM TO LAUNCH FIRST ATHLETIC THERAPY PROGRAM IN
ATLANTIC CANADA**

*Accreditation will launch the first program on Canada's east coast
for students pursuing athletic therapy education*

CALGARY, AB | MAY 9, 2022 – The Canadian Athletic Therapists Association (CATA) is pleased to announce it has granted accreditation to the Bachelor of Kinesiology (Athletic Therapy Option) at Acadia University, the first institution to receive such designation in the east coast of Canada. One of the oldest liberal arts universities in Canada, Acadia University becomes the ninth CATA accredited institution in Canada.

“We are thrilled to recognize Acadia University and its program as meeting the standards of quality for educational programs in athletic therapy,” said Kirsty McKenzie, CATA Program Accreditation Committee Chair. “The successful outcome of this accreditation is a testament to the vision of Acadia University Professor Emeritus, and CATA Hall of Fame member, Dr. Jim MacLeod. It was this vision, along with the work and dedication of Acadia University’s Athletic Therapy Program Director, Dr. Colin King, and faculty and staff, who contributed to the development and successful accreditation of this program.”

The accreditation decision follows an extensive review process of the program and its ability to provide the accepted standards of athletic therapy education. With Acadia University’s successful accreditation, students can now pursue education at institutions located across Canada to prepare for working in the athletic therapy profession.

CATA is dedicated to the advancement and growth of the athletic therapy profession through advocacy, education and research. As the certifying and governing body for Certified Athletic Therapists who practice in Canada, CATA grants accreditation to athletic therapy programs at

post-secondary institutions. For further information regarding the CATA accreditation process, please visit the CATA website.

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ABOUT THE CANADIAN ATHLETIC THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION

CATA is the certifying and governing body for Certified Athletic Therapists practicing in Canada. Established in 1965 by a group of Athletic Therapists working with professional hockey and football teams, CATA now represents over 2900 members. We are dedicated to the advancement and growth of the athletic therapy profession through advocacy, education, and research.

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