

**Rebecca Novak, DAT, MA, LAT, ATC, CAFS: Southeast Regional Representative**

Rebecca Novak is a Pennsylvania native from Mechanicsburg, PA. She began her athletic training education at West Chester University where she obtained her Bachelor's degree in Athletic Training in 2015. She continued to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as a Graduate Assistant where she obtained her Master's in Exercise and Sports Science. Staying south for another year, she started her professional career at William & Mary, but soon returned to PA in 2018 to work at Villanova University. Rebecca has shown commitment to furthering her education in the realm of athletic training, and continued to do so by beginning the pursuit of a clinical doctorate from A.T. Still University in the fall of 2020. After 4 years at VU Rebecca took a leadership role at Delaware Valley University as a Senior Women's Athletic Trainer. There she collaborated with two other ATs to rebuild and restructure the Sports Medicine Department. In August of 2022 Rebecca served the Clinical Education Committee (CEC) as the Project Coordinator, a part of the Association of Schools Advancing Health Professions. There she collaborated with other allied health professionals to discuss clinical education practices across disciplines and develop educational material for clinical educators in the form of articles, infographics, webinars, and conference presentations. In June of 2023 Rebecca graduated with her Doctorate in Athletic Training. This fall Rebecca returned to her alma mater as a Clinical Faculty Athletic Trainer at West Chester University. There she also acts as an adjunct professor for the Department of Sports Medicine. Throughout her professional career she has been a preceptor or developed relationships to implement athletic training student clinical experiences at universities that do not have an athletic training education program. Rebecca's tenure with the CEC has recently come to an end and she would like to continue to serve and support the advancement of the athletic training profession as the Southeast Representative on the PATS Executive Board. Rebecca's background in various collegiate athletic training settings, her educational background, and professional experience will help her be a positive and influential addition to the PATS Executive Board.