# Strapit Level One: Comprehensive Taping Technique Essentials

## **Course Description**

Strapit/Gripit Essentials Taping Level 1 is an 8 hour course covering the basic skills necessary to carry out suitable taping for both injury prevention and injury management.

In a lab based format the participants will undergo a hand-on instruction about the use of the 3 key taping modalities – athletic taping, kinesiology taping and activetaping methods. All specific to targeting pathologies.

The participants will rationalize appropriate taping selection to address various injuries or potential injuries and understand the contra-indications to taping. At the end of the course, attendees will take a 30 minute examination for a certification in level I: Essentials in taping.

Included with the course: samples of all tapes utilized in course, clinical-grade scissors, and a course manual with all pertinent information regarding the course (to include the PowerPoint and all research/references

We ask that all participants attending the course wear suitable clothing and access to all major body regions/skin access to enhance the learning process

# **Learning Objectives**

Following completion of our level 1 course the participants will be able to achieve the following:

- State at least one contraindication for each type of tape: kinesiology, athletic, and active
- Demonstrate a combined taping approach, using athletic and kinesiology tape, to include in the treatment program of a clinically indicated talocrural/subtalar pathology
- List three different types of tape used for therapeutic intervention. Ie:
  - Athletic taping
  - o Kinesiology Taping
  - Active Taping
- List 1 precaution for each type of the following tapes: kinesiology, athletic, active
- Correctly demonstrate the application of kinesiology tape AND active tape as a combined therapeutic intervention to a clinically indicated lordotic postural deviation.
- Demonstrate one appropriate kinesiology taping approach to a clinically indicated edematous distal lower extremity, specifically a high ankle sprain, with the goal of decreasing edema to the affected area

# **Course Outline**

# 1. Introduction

- Introduction to taping and the various taping options available
- Understanding the properties of tape
- Introduction to the concepts of when and why to tape
- Assessing the contraindications to taping
- Practicing the application principles of the various taping categories
- Reviewing the literature around taping

## 2. Hands on training, tape handling and application

- Region taping with the 3 tape categories (athletic, kinesiology, activetape) covering major regional anatomy
  - Ankle/Foot
  - o Knee
  - Lumbar Spine
  - Shoulder
  - Wrist/Thumb

- o Cervical Spine
- o Elbow

### 3. Examination

# **Course Schedule**

0.0	- Registration	
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- 0.5 Introduction of Speaker, Agenda, How Taping Relates to Practice
- 1.25 Intro to taping concepts and the 3 taping categories
- 0.5 Handling / feel / use of the tapes and self application
- 0.25 break
- 1.5 Application to Ankle/Lower Leg regional taping 3 methods
- 0.5 meal break
- 1.0 Application to Knee regional taping 3 methods
- 0.75 Applications to Lumbar Spine / Cervical Spine regional 2 methods
- 0.25 break
- 1.0 Application to Shoulder and Shoulder Girdle 2 methods
- 0.5 Application to Forearm/Wrist/Thumb 1 method
- 0.5 Application to Elbow
- 0.5 Group Discussion (Q/A) on EBP, Case Studies, Education Review of the Course
- 0.5 Home Online exam for certification

TOTAL: 9.5 hrs (with breaks and exam)

8 hrs (without breaks and exam) = 8 CEUs in total

# **INSTRUCTORS**

#### Paul Haas, PT

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# StrapIt Level Two: Advanced Comprehensive Taping Techniques

## **Course Description**

Straplt Essentials Taping Level 2 is an 8 hour (total to include exam) course, expanding on level 1 essentials, to provide more in depth knowledge of taping interventions and to learn applications for more targeted and complex injuries/pathologies.

In a lab-based format, the participants will undergo a hands-on instruction on the use of 3 key taping modalities – athletic taping, kinesiology taping and active taping methods. Level 2 promotes advanced technical use of taping interventions and the ability assess correct taping strategies for various pathological/injury profiles: eg: DeQuervain's, scapular diskinesis, abnormal knee hyperextention.

The participants will be required to assess various pathology profiles and demonstrate a high level of skill in application of taping for these injuries. At the end of the course, attendees will take a 30-minute examination for a certification in level 2: Advanced Comprehensive Taping Techniques.

We ask that all participants attending the course wear suitable clothing and access to all major body regions/skin access to enhance the learning process

#### Learning Objectives

Following completion of our level 2 course the participants will be able to achieve the following:

- Demonstrate a combination taping approach utilizing kinesiology tape, athletic, and active tape to the plantar fascia
- Demonstrate one clinical taping intervention for a patient with clinically indicated rearfoot valgus during an example treatment session
- Demonstrate an athletic tape technique for abnormal hyperextension of the knee
- Demonstrate one advanced kinesiology taping technique that successfully activates the anterior chain of the knee
- Describe one approach each of layer taping, utilizing active tape, for an unstable GH joint and AC subluxation
- Demonstrate one kinesiology taping technique to a clinically indicated scapular diskinesis, with the goal of cuing corrective movement patterns during therapeutic exercise
- Demonstrate an active taping method appropriate for therapeutic treatment of DeQuervain's

# **Course Outline**

# 1. Introduction

- Revisit the properties of the 3 taping categories: Kinesiology, Active, Athletic
- Advance the knowledge of the physical properties of the various tape categories
- Review contraindications and precautions for taping
- Practicing the above application principles with: Kinesiology, Active, Athletic
- Reviewing the literature and EBP around taping interventions

## 2. Hands on training, tape handling and application

- Complex and advanced assessment and clinical reasoning using kinesiology, active, athletic taping methods for the following:
  - o Plantar Fascia injury
  - Ankle advanced/complex pathology
  - Correction/treatment of Shin Splints/MTSS
  - o Knee Joint Hyperextension
  - Knee Joint ACL
  - Box taping/diamond taping for unloading soft tissue
  - o Neurological Shoulder

- o Scapulae: correction of movement patterns
- o DeQuervains
- o Carpal Tunnel

## 3. Examination

### **Course Schedule**

- 0.5 Lecture: revisit principles and advanced concepts: kinesiology tape, active tape, dynamic tape
- 1.0 Lecture: technical data and advanced strategy review on kinesiology tape, active tape, dynamic tape
- .75 Lab: Group application and practice for extended anchors of active tape.
- 0.25 break
- 1.0 Lab: Application to plantar fascia athletic and active tape
- .75 Lab: Advanced ankle techniques: inclusions of mid and hind foot
- 0.5 **Lunch break**
- 0.75 Lab: Shin Splints
- 0.5 Lab: Knee hyperextension / PCL & ACL rotational control
- 0.5 Lab: Knee advanced kinesiology and combination taping
- 0.5 break
- 1.0 Lab: Scapula postural and scapular diskenesis with active tape and kinesiology tape
- 0.75 Lab: DeQuervains
- 0.5 Group Discussion (Q/A) on EBP/Case Studies, Education and Techniques, Review of the Course
- 0.5 Home online examination for certification

TOTAL: 9.5 hrs (with breaks) 8.5 hrs (without breaks)

#### **Expected Proficiency to Receive Certification and CEUs**

Must attend course from start to finish; missing more than 15 minutes total may forfeit your ability to earn certification and CEUs.

75% or higher on post-course examination

## **Refund policy**

Attendee must cancel within 48 hours of the course to receive a full refund. Cancellations made within 48 hours of the course will be address individually with StrapIt (ie medical emergencies, sickness) and upon approval will receive full refund.

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