



Charles David Prude, a native of West Texas, graduated from Fort Davis High School before attending Southwest Texas State University (now Texas State University) to pursue tertiary education in Athletic Training. As a Bobcat, he worked with the NCAA Division II National Championship Football Team. After graduating with a B.S. in Athletic Training in 1983, Charles worked as a LAT/ATC at public high schools in Del Rio and Fort Stockton, Texas. He and his family moved back to Fort Davis, Texas where he pursued Master's Degrees at Sul Ross State University in Alpine. He earned an M.Ed. in Public School Administration in 1998 and an M.Ed. in Kinesiology and Exercise Science in 2002. He served as the Head Athletic Trainer and an academic lecturer at SRSU till 2015 when he retired from public schools.

Throughout his forty-six year career, in Athletic Training and into his retirement, Charles was an active member of SWATA/NATA, was named as Distinguished Alumni from Southwest Texas State University, American Southwest Conference Athletic Training Staff Of The Year, treated countless high school and NCAA athletes, and mentored numerous student athletic trainers in their own pursuit of knowledge and careers. Outside of the training room he has periodically volunteered his time with high school and college rodeo athletes and professional bull riders and athletes in the rural communities where full time Athletic Trainers were not available in the school system. Charles and his wife, Kelly, live on their small ranch near Fort Davis and spend their time ranching and traveling to see their children and grandchildren in other states. Only this year, 2025, has he retired from the NATA/BOC and stepped away from Athletic Training professionally to spend more time being a cowboy, husband, father, and grandpa.