

ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENT CLINICAL EXPERIENCE GUIDELINES

The following guidelines delineate the role of the athletic training student (ATS). As an ATS in the Athletic Training Education Program (ATEP) at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM), you are expected to conduct yourself in accordance with these guidelines during any clinical experience. These guidelines are established for the protection of the ATS and to ensure that quality educational experiences are provided to each student.

DEFINITIONS

- A. Direct Supervision
 - 1. The Approved Clinical Instructor (ACI) and/or Clinical Instructor (CI) must be physically present and have the ability to intervene on behalf of the ATS and/or the patient, to provide on-going and consistent education.
 - 2. ATS should provide services to patients only when directly supervised by the appropriate ACI/CI. ATS should only travel with athletic teams when their appropriate supervisor directly supervises them.
 - 3. The ACI will plan, direct, and advise the clinical experience. ACIs should allow students the appropriate freedom to engage in critical thinking and decision-making in a suitable, supervised environment
 - 4. When directly supervised, the ATS may perform any clinical task/skill, provided they have received the appropriate education and evaluation in that task/skill at that point in the curriculum.
 - 5. All clinical experiences required as part of the ATEP must include direct supervision.
- B. Unsupervised
 - 1. Any clinical opportunity not meeting the definition of direct supervision.
 - 2. If a student is unsupervised, they can no longer function as an ATS, and therefore the skills that they are able to perform revert back to any other credential that they may have (first aid/CPR Pro certification, etc.).
- C. Service Learning
 - 1. Activities outside of any other ATEP requirements (e.g., Special Olympics, State Games, other Professional Development Unit (PDU) activities). If athletic training skills are performed, they must be directly supervised.
- D. Clinical Experience
 - 1. Any clinical experience required by the educational components and experiences of the ATEP.

ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENT CREDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. CPR for the Professional Rescuer/Healthcare Provider
 - 1. ATS must maintain current certification in CPR for the Professional Rescuer with AED (or equivalent).

SUPERVISED EXPERIENCES

- A. Acceptable Experiences: ATS acting under the direct supervision of an appropriate supervisor may perform all of the athletic training skills that have been presented within a previous or concurrent academic course and/or successfully evaluated in HMS 416 Competencies in Athletic Training for proficiency. A student may be presented new skills during any unique "teachable moment" provided the ACI is present to provide guided instruction.

UNSUPERVISED EXPERIENCES

- A. All clinical experiences completed as a requirement for the ATEP must be directly supervised. Students pursuing additional clinical opportunities on their own, regardless of supervision, do so at their own liability. Students are encouraged to obtain additional liability insurance.

CLINICAL HOURS

- A. Competencies in Athletic Training (HMS 416) Requirements (Semesters 1-5)
 - 1. Students are expected to fulfill the requirements of their clinical assignments, as determined by the Director of Clinical Education and their appropriate ACI.
 - 2. Specialized hour requirements include:
 - a. Semester 1: none
 - b. Semester 2: 15 hours high school observation
 - c. Semester 3: 15 hours sports medicine clinic
 - d. Semester 4: 15 hours sports medicine clinic
 - e. Semester 5: 15 hours general medical experience
- B. Internship (HMS 489) Requirements (Semesters 6-7)
 - 1. ATS are required to complete a total of 14 credits and complete a minimum of 640 supervised clinical hours.
- C. Clinical hour logs must be signed daily/monthly, and are due as listed in the HMS 416/HMS 489 syllabi.