

Internship/Clinical Education Experience Objectives

Students are placed at internships and at formal clinical affiliations, which include high schools, colleges, and non-traditional settings to gain valuable practical experience under the direct supervision of certified athletic trainers and other allied health professionals. All students are placed at the discretion of the Chair of Athletic Training.

AT 100 Internship: (January)

2 credits

Students are required to accumulate 25 directed observation hours in the Endicott College athletic training room. Students are also required to accumulate an additional 100 hours during the January intersession at an allied health or conditioning facility. All sites are researched as a part of Introduction to Athletic Training (AT 101) and are approved by the Chair of Athletic Training. Emphasis is placed on prevention of athletic injury and the role of the certified athletic trainer and other medical professionals involved in the healthcare of the athlete.

AT 200 Clinical Education Experience: (Fall)

2 credits

Students are required to accumulate a minimum of 75 hours (3 days a week) during the semester. Clinical instruction will be conducted by the direct supervision of the Endicott College athletic training staff or at an affiliated site. Emphasis is placed on prevention and management of injury with students rotating between individual, team, and male and female sports. Includes weekly lecture and written and clinical proficiency examinations.

Prerequisites: AT101

AT 201 Clinical Education Experience: (Spring)

2 credits

A sophomore clinical education experience under the direct supervision of a certified athletic trainer at an approved setting. Students are required to accumulate a minimum of 75 hours (3 days a week) while applying knowledge gained in AT203 Athletic Training II and AT301 Evaluation of Injury. Emphasis is placed on recognition and management of common athletic injuries and illnesses. Includes weekly lecture and written and clinical proficiency examinations.

Prerequisites: AT200

AT 310 Athletic Training Practicum: (Fall)

3 credits

A minimum of 125 clinical hours (4-5 days a week) will be accumulated at an affiliated high school site with an emphasis on gaining experience working with football, ice hockey, or other high-risk sports. Students work under the direct supervision of an assigned clinical instructor. In addition, students will attend a weekly lecture to strengthen their skills in taping, bracing, advanced emergency care, injury management, and injury evaluation. Journal assignments will be required to reinforce educational experiences. Includes weekly lecture and written and clinical proficiency examinations.

Prerequisites: AT 201

AT 311 Athletic Training Practicum: (Spring)

3 credits

A junior clinical education experience that allows students to demonstrate and refine their evaluative, rehabilitative, and educational skills. Students accumulate a minimum of 125 clinical hours (4-5 days a week) under an assigned clinical instructor working with an assigned team. Students apply and demonstrate skills and abilities pertaining to all domains in athletic training. Includes weekly lecture and written and clinical proficiency examinations.

Prerequisites: AT 310

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AT 402 Clinical Education Experience: (Spring)

3 credits

Students gain experience in a nontraditional setting two days a week for a six-week rotation. Opposite the six-week rotation, students gain experience (10 hours) observing orthopedic surgeons and physician assistants at Sports Medicine North in Peabody Massachusetts. Students also observe a nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or MD at a general medical facility for a minimum of 4 hours. Emphasis is placed on refining evaluative and rehabilitative skills and on expanding the students' experiences outside of the traditional primary setting. Includes a weekly two-hour meeting for intensive review, examinations, and assessment of skills.

Prerequisites: AT311

AT 480 Clinical Education Experience: (Fall)

12 credits

Students are required to accumulate a minimum of 400 hours (5-6 days a week) during the fall semester under the direct supervision of a certified athletic trainer at an approved setting. Students work with athletic teams under an assigned clinical instructor and are responsible for all athletic training tasks including injury prevention, injury evaluation and immediate care, injury rehabilitation, administrative duties, and the education and mentoring of athletes and athletic training students. This clinical education experience is designed to provide students with practical applications that will strengthen their skills and abilities in athletic training and allow them to apply theoretical knowledge and critical thinking to a clinical setting. Students will strengthen and refine cognitive, affective, and psychomotor skills pertaining to all tasks in athletic training. Formal weekly seminars are included to refine injury evaluation and management skills and to assess psychomotor and professional competencies.

Prerequisites: AT301, AT302, AT305, AT307, AT311