

Clinical Field Experience Expectations

All students majoring in Athletic Training will be required to fulfill the following clinical field experience expectations as part of courses HES 204, 244, 246, 317, 318, and 319. Students will be assigned to Approved Clinical Instructors and Clinical Instructors for various clinical rotations of differing lengths by the Clinical Education Coordinator. These experiences will be balanced based on equipment intensity, gender, activity, injury prevalence, and patient population.

Sophomore (Spring)

> 3 shifts/wk

> 25% of home events

All rotations on campus with ACIs

Junior

> 3-5 shifts/wk

> 50% of home events

Travel allowed/arranged by Approved Clinical Instructor (ACI) or Clinical Instructor (CI) and under the supervision of the ACI/CI

Experience during Spring Break

Observe Team physician during campus visits at least 3 times per fall.

One rotation off campus at local high school(s) with CI(s), all other rotations on campus with ACIs

Senior

4-6 shifts/wk

> 90% home events

> 50% of travel events arranged by Approved Clinical Instructor (ACI) or Clinical Instructor (CI) and under the supervision of the ACI/CI

Experience during Pre-Camp (August prior to Senior year)

Experience during January term

Experience during Touring break

Experience during Spring break

Observe Team physician during campus visits at least 4 times per fall and present at least 1 case to the Team physician.

Non-traditional rotations will include Orthopedic and Fracture Clinic, Mankato Clinic, and Student Health Services under the supervision of a CI

All other rotations on campus with ACIs

Given the time commitment to fulfill these expectations it is difficult to combine majoring in athletic training with other extracurricular activities (off-campus job, choir, band, varsity sports, danceline, etc.). Therefore, those students choosing to combine these activities will need to give first priority to field experience requirements/assignments. Due to the overlap in timing, athletic training majors will only be allowed to participate in one varsity sport season per year (exclusive of 1st year (Freshmen)). However, these students will not be relieved from fulfilling their clinical field experiences during their athletic season. Moreover, students who major in athletic training and participate on a varsity sport will not be allowed to practice athletic training with their varsity team (apply modalities, evaluate injuries to make return to play decisions, etc).