

UCONN ATEP

Policies for Clinical Education Experiences

During the athletic training students (ATS) tenure in the UCONN ATEP they will enroll in 5 practicum courses (EKIN 221, 222, & 223 for 2 credits, and EKIN 224, 225 for 3 credits) for college credit. All students must successfully complete/pass all 5 practicums in order to meet the graduation requirement established by the UCONN ATEP. The ATS will be assigned to their clinical sites/clinical educators by the Program Director based upon those requirements indicated in J3.3, J4, & J6 of the Standards for Accreditation for Entry-Level Education.

In addition the following policies must be followed by the ACI/CI and ATS during their clinical rotation experiences during their tenure:

1. Hour requirements for each of practicum courses are as follows:
 - a. EKIN 221: 52-60 hours of clinical experience for a four week evaluation period (preferably 13-15 hours per week)
 - b. EKIN 222 & 223: 80-88 hours of clinical experience for a four week evaluation period (preferably 20-22 hours per week)
 - c. EKIN 224 & 225: 100-108 hours for a four week evaluation period (preferably 25-27 hours per week)

2. Attendance for each of the practicum courses are as follows:
 - a. EKIN 221: Athletic training students with on-campus assignments MUST attend between 3 to 4 days a week; off-campus assignments 3 days a week.
 - b. EKIN 222 & 223: Athletic training students with on-campus assignments MUST attend between 4 to 5 days per week; off-campus assignments MUST attend at least 4 days a week.
 - c. EKIN 224 & 224: Athletic training students with on-campus assignments MUST attend between 5 to 6 days per week; off-campus assignments MUST attend at least 4 days a week.

3. The Athletic Training Student is expected to participate in his/her clinical rotation beginning on the first day of class and continuing to the last day of each semester. Grade deductions may be imposed for excessive clinical experience hours as well as the failure to meet the minimum requirements. Students assigned to UCONN football may be individually allowed (approved by the Director of Entry-Level Athletic Training Education) to exceed these hours during the junior or senior year.

4. The athletic training student needs to understand that he/she is required to have one day off per week during the academic semester (not including pre-season), under all circumstances, within every clinical rotation. Special exceptions can only be approved by the Director of Entry-Level Athletic Training Education. These exceptions must be requested prior to the day in question and must truly show a unique circumstance. Violations of this policy are subject to the penalties noted above. The athletic training student is also encouraged to request from the ACI the day off schedule in the weeks prior so plans can be made to engage in personal pursuits.

5. The Athletic Training Student will document and submit a record of clinical experience hours and activities every four weeks (3 times per semester). The Athletic Training Student will then forward this form to their Approved Clinical Instructor (by the previous Friday at 5:00pm) so they can approve the information and complete the evaluation portion. These forms are to be submitted every fourth Thursday by noon to the Director of Entry-Level Athletic Training Education. Additionally, Athletic Training Students must complete a mid-semester evaluation as well as an end of the semester clinical instructor/site evaluation. Grade deductions may be imposed for late submissions of required evaluations.

Student Name

Student Signature

Date