

**MESSIAH COLLEGE ATHLETIC TRAINING
CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS**

Introduction:

Students must acquire a minimum number of Clinical hours/experiences to assure a) the application of athletic training skills, b) the acquisition of required clinical experience(s), and c) professional development (at Messiah or at affiliated clinical sites). Under no circumstances will athletic training students be permitted to acquire more than 20 hours a week. Students must acquire the minimum number of clinical hours per semester (listed below) and may not exceed the maximum number of clinical hours (listed below).

Year/Level	Hours Req.-Max	Ave Hours per Week	Hours Req.-Max
	Fall Term	Jan. J-Term	Spg Term
Fr./1	None		None
So./2	25-40 (Directed Observation)		80-100 (Practicum I)
Jr./3	80-120 (Practicum II)	20-60 (Clinical Exp./Optional)	80-100 (Practicum III)
Sr./4	120-200 (Collision Sport Experience)	60 (Clinical in AT)	

A Junior ATS may take ATED 291 Clinical Experience during J-Term or Summer Term

Additional Requirements:

Direct Supervision: Students must be directly supervised by their Clinical Instructor (i.e. physically present) for clinical hours/experiences to count.

Clinical Hours Documentation: All hours must be documented on standard forms, approved/signed by the Clinical Instructor, Practicum Supervisor and Program Director. Clinical Instructor checks of daily/weekly/monthly and semester totals are mandatory.

Student Limitations/Requirements: 1) In Practica and Clinical Experience courses, students may need to be scheduled a limited # of days per week. 2) Students may not acquire more than 20 hours per week. Since students are in a Practicum vs. an Internship, (lower semester hours credit) less than 20 hours per week is advantageous. 3) Student schedules will be determined by the student and clinical instructor. The Practicum supervisor will assure that schedules meet Practicum and accreditation requirements.

Note: Clinical Instructors are responsible for understanding and complying with all information, policies and procedures described in the Clinical Instructor/Supervisor Policy & Procedures Manual.