

**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 a Clinical Affiliate site).

Under no circumstances will athletic training students be permitted to acquire more than 20 hours per week. Students **must acquire** the **minimum number of clinical hours** (listed below) and **may not exceed** the **maximum number of clinical hours** (listed below).

Year/Level	Fall Semester Minimum-Maximum Hours Required	J-Term Minimum-Maximum Hours Required	Spring Semester Minimum-Maximum Hours Required
So/I	25-40 (Directed Observation)		80-100 (Practicum I)
Jr/II	80-120 (Practicum II)	20-60 (Clinical Exp./Optional)	80-100 (Practicum III)
Sr/III	120-200 (Collision Sport Experience)	45-60 (Clinical Exp. 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 Preceptor (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 Preceptor, Practicum Supervisor and Program Director. Preceptor checks of daily/weekly/monthly and semester totals are mandatory.

Student Limitations/Requirements:

- 1) In Practicum and Clinical Experience courses, students must have a minimum of one day off in every seven-day period.
- 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 Preceptor. The Practicum supervisor will assure that schedules meet Practicum and accreditation requirements.

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