

**School of Health Care Professions
UWSP Athletic Training Education Program**

Course Title: AT 182 – Clinical Observation I

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Course description: The purpose of this course is to provide the student who intends to apply to the athletic training major the opportunity for observation of the certified athletic training staff in the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point facility. This observation is intended to aid the student in an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the certified athletic trainer in the clinical setting.

Course Expectations: Students are required to complete **14 hours of observation experience** in the athletic training facility. During observation, students must interact with athletic training staff and students to complete written assignments associated with the clinical setting. Observations will be scheduled in two-hour time blocks once a week for seven weeks. The completed time sheet and associated written assignments are a required component for the application portfolio when applying to the athletic training education program.

During the observation hours, students are required to:

- Be timely and complete each scheduled observation. Your observation hours are scheduled according to your free time; therefore rescheduling is highly discouraged. Remember this is an academic class and not all absences will be excused. If there is an unplanned conflict, you must **verbally** contact the instructor and re-schedule immediately.
- Act professionally and ethically during observation hours
 - Any behavior that is not conducive to a learning environment or a medical facility will not be tolerated and the certified staff can ask you to leave. If this occurs, you will be required to meet individually with the course instructor.
- Adhere to the UWSP Athletic Training Dress Code
 - The certified staff has the authority to send you home to change if they feel you are not dressed properly. They will contact the instructor if this occurs. A 2nd occurrence will result in you not being able to reschedule your missed hours and failure in this course. Please see the Dress Code info In Canvas for more information.
- Adhere to the UWSP Athletic Training Policy for Medical Confidentiality
 - Your observations are taking place in a medical facility. Any breach of that confidentiality will not be tolerated. Please respect the patients' privacy and realize it is a privilege to be able to observe their medical treatment.

If you have questions, please ask me or one of the athletic training staff if your dress is appropriate.

Course Grading Procedures:

The final letter grades will be:	A: 94-100%	B: 83-86%	C: 73-76%	D: 60-64%
	A-: 90-93%	B-: 80-82%	C-: 70-72%	F: 59% or below
	B+: 87-89%	C+: 77-79%	D+: 65-69%	

- The course requirements for this course are not difficult. If you do all the requirements, you will earn a good grade.
- If you don't turn in all your journal assignments or do not complete observations hours on time – your grade will decrease.
 - A failing grade will not allow you to apply for the UWSP Athletic Training Program
 - If you let us know about your absence from an observation time, we will work with you to allow you to make it up. If notified after the fact, you will not be allowed to make it up.

Written Observation Requirements

It is your responsibility to seek out staff members or athletic training students to help answer your weekly question. Approach the student and staff and be proactive! They will be friendly to you, but it is also not their job to make sure you have a good experience.

Written assignment requirements:

- The written observations are to be turned into Canvas as a Word attachment.
- Length: maximum of 2 pages for each 2 hours observation.
- Format: Typed, double spaced, maximum of 1 inch margins on sides, maximum of 1 inch margins on top and bottom.
- The observation question from each week needs to be copy and pasted at the top of page 1. The question should be printed single spaced.
- Medical confidentiality needs to be maintained throughout the content of the written observations.
 - Can refer to a patient's case, but cannot use a name to identify him or her.
- If referencing information from the textbook or other reference material in the athletic training facility, please reference this material correctly in APA format. No plagiarism will be tolerated!
- Must be grammatically correct and free of errors.

- **Content:**
 - Part 1: Please refer to each week's question for the written observations. The questions can be found in the Canvas course room. Make sure you address the answers to this question in your writing.
 - Part 2: Tell us about anything you observed today that was interesting to you.
 - Part 3: Reflect on things you saw today and how you are feeling about this experience.

- **Due dates:** Your journal entries will be due on a week-by-week basis. There will be a drop box for each week in Canvas with deadlines posted for submission. There is a minimum of a 2-week grace period for each week's submissions.
 - If you fail to submit a journal by that time – you will have to come and talk to the instructors. Verbal, face-to-face communication is required if you want any chance of your journal being accepted late. Email communication is not acceptable.
 - Submitting 7 journal entries from your clinical observation is the only requirement for this course. Please take the time to submit them in a timely manner.
 - Due dates are posted in the Canvas classroom.
 - The best practice for this journaling exercise is write up your journal observation as soon as you completed it so your experience is fresh in your head. This will enrich the quality of your writing.