

Guidelines by which students may perform service work University of Louisiana at Lafayette Athletic Training Education Program

The purpose of this policy is to assist you in understanding the process by which you may perform service work that may be related to your athletic training education clinical experiences. The following statements serve to assist you in understanding the difference between your commitment to any service work and your commitment to your academic clinical experience requirements.

1. The purpose of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Sports Medicine Association is to promote the involvement of Kinesiology students with their state, regional, and national organizations. The organization also offers the opportunity to enhance relationships between students and faculty in the Department of Kinesiology. Your involvement in this organization is completely voluntary and any activity that you perform with this organization is counted as a service to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Sports Medicine Association and in no way is required as part of your grade within your academic clinical experiences.
2. You may volunteer or be compensated for any service work (athletics, intramurals, UCA summer camps, etc.) related to your clinical education experiences while completing or after completion of necessary academic requirements as outlined in your document titled, "Athletic Training Student Clinical Experience Guidelines". The academic program encourages you to pursue these opportunities but in no way requires you to pursue them to complete your academic degree for the Athletic Training Education Program.

If you perform such service work it is recommended that you understand certain issues related to this experience.

It is recommended that you should:

1. seek to clarify your specific role with the agency (i.e. first responder).
2. ask for a written description of their expectations and sign it stating that you understand what is expected.
3. be able to identify and have clear communications with your direct supervisor during your assignments.
4. clarify what liability coverage is provided by the department or agency and be informed of your need to possibly seek your own personal liability coverage. **The personal liability insurance provided by the University will only cover you during academic clinical experiences.**

It is your responsibility and the department or agency that you are performing the service work for (voluntary or compulsory) to seek an adequate resolution to these issues.

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette Athletic Training Education Program encourages you to take every opportunity to gain valuable experiences in settings that would enhance your pursuit to become a certified athletic trainer. The Athletic Training Education Program will assist you in tracking these experiences by filing your logged hours and placing them in your portfolio under a section titled "Professional Experiences". **These hours do not count toward Academic Clinical Experience hours.** You are encouraged to get a letter of recommendation from your supervisor(s) after your assignment is completed. The logged hours and letter(s) of recommendation will become part of your professional portfolio for later use.

I understand the difference between the academic standards required of me as stated in the "Athletic Training Student Clinical Experience Guidelines" and any other service work that I might perform related to my Athletic Training Education clinical experiences.

Student Signature

Date

Program Director

Date