General Medical Educational Experience

395F

As a component of the Athletic Training major, students are required to complete a general medical education experience that is composed of various rotations. Specifically, this 395F experience consists of a physical therapy rotation.

Students must independently plan these rotations at their discretion based on course schedules, clinical education assignment requirements, and availability of the venues. Students must coordinate these experiences in advance with their clinical preceptors to avoid potential scheduling conflicts. Students must be responsible to schedule these rotations in a timely fashion to assure their completion by the designated due dates; failure to do so will result in programmatic penalties. These hours count towards the weekly maximum total contact-hour limitation and must be appropriately logged in ATrack accordingly. Verification of completed observational hours will require endorsement by the supervising physical therapists via a paper-based signatory page that must be submitted to the practicum instructor. Upon receiving this signatory page, the Clinical Education Coordinator will approve these respective hours in ATrack.

- Failure to appropriately (correct days, times, locations, etc.) log general medical experience hours via ATrack, and providing the practicum instructor with the corresponding CORRECTLY COMPLETED verification form IN A TIMELY FASHION will result in negative consequences.

Below are a series of potential options, and mechanisms for completing this particular experience. Please work directly the practicum instructor to specifically structure this experience.

- Penn State Hershey Bone and Joint Institute – State College
  - You must complete this requirement during Fall Semester as a component of KINES 395F.
  - This rotation consists of approximately 4 hours of observation.
  - In order to schedule observations at Penn State Hershey Bone and Joint Institute – State College, students must submit an e-mail to careerobservation@hmc.psu.edu with the following specific heading in the subject line “KINES 395F Shadowing”. Alison Krajewski (ark114@psu.edu) MUST be courtesy copied (cc’d) on this e-mail. After sending this e-mail, students will receive an automated reply with a link to a mandatory online application that must be completed. In the application, it is required that students include the following information under each respective “Clinical or Research Area Requested” subheading:
    - **Department**: Physical Therapy
    - **Location**: Clinical
    - **Times and Dates**: Fall Semester 2014
    - **Observation Information**: Dr John Vairo, PhD, ATC; Department of Kinesiology; University Park PA; Fall Semester 2014
    - **Desired Goals**: Observe physical therapists in an allied health care setting as part of the University’s athletic training education program
    - **How did you hear about this program**: Advisor/Teacher
- Graduation Requirement: Yes
- Required by School: Yes
- Hours Required: 4

- University Health Services (UHS)
  - You must complete this requirement during Fall Semester as a component of KINES 395F.
  - This rotation consists of approximately 4 hours of observation.
  - In order to schedule observations at University Health Services, students must report to room 101 in the Student Health Center and coordinate times with Linda Eck (lje3@psu.edu | 814-865-2747) or Ellen Jankowski (elj5@psu.edu | 814-865-7381).

- University Orthopedics Center (UOC not affiliated with Penn State)
  - In order to schedule observations at University Orthopaedics Center (UOC), students must submit a formal request to Alison Krajewski via e-mail at ark114@psu.edu.

- Other health care facilities
  - Scheduling such experiences at other health care facilities are possible at the discretion of the practicum instructor in consultation with the Clinical Education Coordinator.
  - Students may also elect to schedule this observation at an independent appropriate health care facility in the State College or surrounding area, or remote area of their preference. If students elect to schedule this with an entity other than Penn State Hershey, UHS, or UOC, they should follow the suggested strategies described below:
    - Contact a local or remote medical, or allied health care facility, and let them know that you have to complete a mandatory educational experience.
    - Explain that you are a professional preparation allied health care/athletic training student, and this is part of your general medical rotation requirement.
    - You may tell these entities that you have completed Penn State University, and Hershey Medical Center immunization/vaccination requirements, and HIPAA training as well as related background clearances, and that you can provide associated documentation if needed.

With this being an accreditation standard to satisfy your degree requirements, it is strongly suggested that you complete this experience as soon as possible in the semester; **deferred grades are not an option.**

**Note:**
After you complete each rotation, you will be required to submit a SOAP note from your observation. In addition to the SOAP note, the verification form on the following page must be completed and signed by the related practitioner or professional. Please submit this form, along with the SOAP note to the practicum instructor.
395F General Medical Educational Experience – Verification Form

Physical Therapy Rotation

Name of Student______________________________________________________________

Name and Credentials of Practitioner/Professional______________________________

Type of Medical Practice or Allied Health Field________________________________

Address of Practice__________________________________________________________

Contact Info of Practice______________________________________________________

Dates & Hours of Observation___________________________________________________

Signature of Student and Date__________________________________________________

Signature of Practitioner/Professional and Date__________________________________