



Observation Instructions for Student

One of the requirements for admission to the University of North Carolina Wilmington Athletic Training Program is 50 hours of observation/volunteer hours with a Certified Athletic Trainer. The purpose of the required hours is for applicants to understand the day-to-day duties of the Athletic Trainer. Students with prior knowledge of the profession tend to have an easier transition once they are admitted to the rigorous academic and clinical components of an athletic training program.

It is your responsibility to make your own arrangements for observation/volunteer hours. You are not to portray yourself as being associated with the University of North Carolina Wilmington or the University of North Carolina Wilmington's Athletic Training Program. Any arrangement made with the supervising Athletic Trainer is solely between you and that Athletic Trainer. You will make your schedule for observation directly with the Athletic Trainer and are required to follow all rules and regulations for that site (ex: dress code). **Prior to beginning your observation hours, you must complete blood borne pathogen training.** The American Red Cross offers an online blood borne pathogens course.

All observation hours are due at time of matriculation. You will be allowed to complete no more than 10 hours per week. Half of your hours (25 hours) must be completed in a "traditional" athletic training setting (i.e., high school, college or university, or professional sports). The other 25 hours may be done in a sports medicine clinic or all 50 hours can be completed in a "traditional athletic training setting". All hours must be supervised by a **Certified Athletic Trainer**.

Upon completion of your hours with an Athletic Trainer, please give him/her the UNCW ATP evaluation form. They will assess your performance and sign it. Once completed, the signed evaluation form and the log sheet will need to be uploaded to your ATCAS application. The Athletic Trainer may also send the evaluation directly to Dr. Steve Zinder.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Lindsey Schroeder at schroederl@uncw.edu or Dr. Steve Zinder at the contact information below.

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This side to be completed by the supervising ATC

Student name _____

1 = does not desire traits/qualities compatible with the field of Athletic Training, 5= superior demonstration of traits/qualities compatible with the field of athletic training.	NA	1	2	3	4	5	Comments
Personal Appearance							
Personal Demeanor							
Display of Initiative							
Maturity							
Personal rapport with ATCs or other health professionals							
Personal rapport with athletes/patients/clients							
Dependability							
Responsiveness to suggestions							
Verbal Communication Skills							
Written Communication Skills (including medical documentation)							
Willingness to learn and grow							

Additional Comments:

Please seal in an envelope, sign across the seal and give back to the student. He/She will submit the observation evaluation with the rest of the application material.

I supervised this student for _____ hours of observation during the dates stated above.

Printed Name

NATABOC #

Signature

Date

Phone

Employer

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To Supervising Athletic Trainer:

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All observation hours are due at the time of matriculation. It is recommended that the student should be completing no more than 10 hours per week with you. If at any time you are unable to work with this student, you may suggest that he/she should discontinue observing you.

Please fill out the recommendation form for all students after he/she has completed his/her hours with you. Additionally, please sign the evaluation form and return it to the student so it can be submitted with his/her application materials. Your input is crucial to the selection of students who will be successful in our program. If you have questions about the University of North Carolina Wilmington Athletic Training Program, please reach out to me at the contact information below.

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