

Clinical Experiences in the Master of Athletic Training Program

Explanation of Clinical Experience Types

Students officially admitted and enrolled in Cedarville University's MAT program will be assigned clinical experiences by the program's Clinical Education Coordinator. The program utilizes traditional clinical rotations as well as immersive clinical rotations to provide professional program students the opportunity to gain direct patient care opportunities under the direct supervision of a preceptor.

Traditional clinical experiences will provide students with the opportunity to spend part of their day in a didactic learning environment while the other portion of their day will be devoted to clinical patient care. Immersive clinical experiences are delivered in four- and eight-week blocks where the primary focus of this time is clinical education. Traditional experiences are capped at 20 hours per week, where immersive clinical experiences are capped at 40 hours per week. Students must be directly supervised by either an Athletic Trainer or Physician in these experiences.

Travel to Clinical Rotation Sites

Both traditional clinical experiences and immersive clinical experiences will occur on and off campus. Those clinical experiences that occur off campus will require students to provide their own transportation. In some cases, students may be paired together which may allow individuals to travel to clinical sites together. In these situations, the program encourages students to ride share to reduce fuel costs and wear and tear on personal vehicles. This practice should not be expected though, as clinical sites and their respective preceptors would commonly only take on one student from the program at a time. Students should plan to have reliable transportation throughout the duration of the two-year professional program.

The eight-week immersive clinical experience which is planned for the summer session between year one and two of the professional program will be off campus for most if not all MAT students. Transportation to this site by car or by air will be covered by the student and arrangements for ground transportation for the student at a site must be arranged and funded by the student. The program will assist the student in making transportation arrangements when possible and when appropriate, but it is the sole responsibility of the student to finalize and pay for their travel if costs occur.