GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY  
School of Recreation, Health, and Tourism  

ATEP 499 – Advanced Practicum (3)  
Spring 2015  

DAY/TIME: As per preceptor  
LOCATION: At assigned site  

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DEPT. WEBSITE: http://www.rht.gmu.edu  
CLASS WEBSITE: N/A  

PRE/CO-REQUISITES  
Permission of instructor.  

COURSE DESCRIPTION  
A clinical practicum field experience under the direct supervision of a preceptor.  

COURSE OBJECTIVES  
Upon completion of the course the student will be able to:  
1. Apply theories, concepts, and philosophies learned through previous didactic and clinical experiences;  
2. Employ record-keeping practices in athletic training; and  
3. Employ foundational behaviors of professional practice in athletic training.  

COURSE OVERVIEW  
This is a clinical practicum experience that provides students with adequate opportunities to practice and integrate cognitive learning with the associated psychomotor skills required for the profession of athletic training. This clinical experience allows students opportunities to practice and integrate the cognitive learning, with the associated psychomotor skill requirements associated with previously learned athletic training coursework. In addition, students develop entry-level professional behaviors as Athletic Trainers defined by the NATA Educational Competencies.  

Attendance  
Each student must meet with his/her preceptor during the first week of the semester to develop a weekly schedule. Students must accrue a minimum of 150 hours during the entire semester (approximately 10-20 hours per week) actively participating in the clinical education field experience. Students are expected to be on time and attend all clinical experience meetings as mutually agreed upon with the Coordinator of Clinical Education and the preceptor. In the case of illness or some other unforeseen absence, the student must contact the preceptor and the course instructor via e-mail or telephone.  

Academic Responsibility  
Although many students must work to meet living expenses, employment must not take priority over academic responsibilities. Students employed more than 20 hours a week are strongly urged not to attempt a full-time academic load. Students employed more than 40 hours a week should attempt no more than 6 credits per semester. Students who fail to observe these guidelines may expect no special consideration for academic problems arising from the pressures of employment. Please see the GMU Academic Catalog (http://catalog.gmu.edu/content.php?catoid=5&navoid=104#Registration_attendance) for further information.
Scheduling Requirements
An integral part of students’ practicum is time spent under the supervision of the preceptor. Students should be aware that
times are scheduled in conjunction with preceptor availability. Practicum times may include early mornings, afternoons,
evenings, and weekends. Students may also be required to travel to additional sites to meet the preceptor to engage in
clinical education. Unlike other majors, athletic training practicum courses require additional time outside of the
traditional classroom. Participation at the clinical site does not excuse you from class and/or related assignments at
George Mason University.

Additional Policies
For additional guidelines relating to your athletic training education, please see the program handbook at the following
website: http://rht.gmu.edu/atep/forms/.

NATURE OF COURSE DELIVERY
Face to face

REQUIRED READINGS
1. ATEP 499 Manual.
2. ATEP Student Handbook.

EVALUATION
The course instructor, in consultation with the preceptor, assigns the final grade based on several specific requirements for
evaluation and other assignments, at the preceptor’s discretion. Specifically, the preceptor will supply scoring and relative
open-ended feedback on the Clinical Performance Evaluations.

Clinical Performance Evaluations
The preceptor will complete the evaluation and assign a letter grade based on the student’s clinical performance. CIs are
encouraged to discuss the results of the evaluation with the student. Evaluations are due by March 18, 2015 (mid-
semester) and May 6, 2015 (end-of-semester).

GRADING

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Course Grading Scale
The student's final letter grade will be earned based on the following scale:

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DATE | DUE ASSIGNMENTS
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2/2  | Technical Standards, Section J of MOU, Syllabus Contract
3/19 | 50 clinical hours, Mid-Semester Clinical Performance Evaluation
5/7  | 100 clinical hours, End-of-Semester Clinical Performance Evaluation

Note: Faculty reserves the right to alter the schedule as necessary.
**Student Expectations**

- Students must adhere to the guidelines of the George Mason University Honor Code [See http://academicintegrity.gmu.edu/honorcode/].
- Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with the George Mason University Office of Disability Services (ODS) and inform their instructor, in writing, at the beginning of the semester [See http://ods.gmu.edu/].
- Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing [See http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/1301gen.html].
- Students are responsible for the content of university communications sent to their George Mason University email account and are required to activate their account and check it regularly. All communication from the university, college, school, and program will be sent to students solely through their Mason email account.
- Students must follow the university policy stating that all sound emitting devices shall be turned off during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.
- Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times.

**Campus Resources**

- The George Mason University Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) staff consists of professional counseling and clinical psychologists, social workers, and counselors who offer a wide range of services (e.g., individual and group counseling, workshops and outreach programs) to enhance students’ personal experience and academic performance [See http://caps.gmu.edu/].
- The George Mason University Writing Center staff provides a variety of resources and services (e.g., tutoring, workshops, writing guides, handbooks) intended to support students as they work to construct and share knowledge through writing [See http://writingcenter.gmu.edu/].
- For additional information on the College of Education and Human Development, School of Recreation, Health, and Tourism, please visit our website [See http://rht.gmu.edu].

**CORE VALUES COMMITMENT:** The College of Education and Human Development is committed to collaboration, ethical leadership, innovation, research-based practice, and social justice. Students are expected to adhere to these principles.
ATEP 499 Syllabus Contract
Spring 2015

I have read the syllabus and reviewed all due dates and requirements. I understand that this is my contract for the course and it is my responsibility to complete all assignments and course requirements. Failure to meet the course requirements may result in failure of the course.

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Student (Print Name)

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Student Signature and Date