



Northern Illinois University

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Athletic Training Observation Hours Documentation

For information regarding hours, please review the instructions on the next page.

The athletic training faculty wishes to enroll students who understand the expectations of the athletic training profession. Therefore we **require** observing one or more athletic trainer(s) for a **minimum of 50 hours in the 10 months prior to the application.**

Instructions to the student/applicant

Complete the following :

Name of Student/Applicant

Email Address

Cell Phone Number

Number of Hours Observed At This Site

Practice Setting

(please check all that apply)

High School

College

Clinic

Hospital

Corporate

Industrial

Other

Please describe the activities the student was engaged in during their observation

Instructions to the athletic trainer

Complete the following:

Name

BOC Certification Number

Phone Number

Email Address

Name & Address of Facility

Signature _____

Date _____



Athletic Training Program Observation Hours Record Form

Name: _____

Site	Date	Start Time	End Time	Total	ATC

TOTAL: _____

AT Signature: _____ BOC # _____

Date: _____

Please print and use additional forms to record the hours observed by a prospective student

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Who: Students interested in applying for admission into the NIU Athletic Training Program must attain a minimum of 50 hours of observation under one or more athletic trainer(s). Please complete the Observation Hours Record Form and return with your completed application.

What: Every student must attain at least 50 hours of observation. Note: if you are an athlete, the 50 hours are attained during times when you are **not** in athletic practice gear or uniform.

Why: Observation hours can facilitate a greater understanding of the professional practice.

When: ATP application observation hours may only be accrued within the 10 months prior to the application deadline on February 1st. While we encourage students to observe at their convenience only observation hours completed between May 1 - February 1 will be considered for ATP application purposes.

How: Prospective students are encouraged to begin with their high school or college certified athletic trainer (ATC). If the high school or college ATC is unknown the institutions athletic director may have useful contact information for an available ATC.

Students who would like to observe in an environment they have not had previous contact should communicate directly with the Head Athletic Trainer or Department Head via email or telephone in a professional and appropriate manner.

Where: The majority of observation hours should be attained at the high school or college levels. You may attain no more than 20 hours in a medical (hospital/clinic), industrial/occupational, military, performing arts, and professional sport settings. **Reminder:** Regardless of setting the professional observed must hold a current athletic training certification and license.

If you wish to complete observation hours at any of the NIU ATP partnership sites (listed below) during the fall or spring semesters, **prior to observation** you must contact the Athletic Training Program, via AthleticTrainingProg@niu.edu subject line "Athletic Training Observation Hours". Students experiencing unusual circumstances regarding the attainment of observation hours should contact the Athletic Training Program, via AthleticTrainingProg@niu.edu subject line "Athletic Training Observation Hours".

- DeKalb High School
- Genoa-Kingston High School
- Hampshire High School
- Kaneland High School
- Batavia High School
- Sycamore High School
- Rochelle High School
- West Chicago High School
- Naperville North High School
- Midwest Orthopaedic Institute
- Benedictine University
- Kishwaukee College
- NIU Intercollegiate Athletics