

# Missouri Valley College Athletic Training Program Clinical Supervision and Travel Policy

In order for athletic training students to develop their clinical abilities, proper supervision is required; both for the education of the athletic training student and patient safety. Missouri Valley College athletic training students must be continuously supervised by a preceptor designated by the Missouri Valley College ATP during any clinical experience. The following guidelines are to be utilized to ensure proper athletic training student clinical growth while providing patient safety in accordance with CAATE standards.

- A Missouri Valley College ATP preceptor **MUST** be directly supervising an athletic training student when s/he is delivering athletic training services to a patient.
- A Missouri Valley College preceptor **MUST** be physically present and have the ability to intervene on behalf of the athletic training student (and patient) to provide on-going and consistent education and ensure patient safety.
- A Missouri Valley College athletic training student may travel with a team **IF** a Missouri Valley College ATP preceptor will be present at the away facility and provide clinical supervision as described above. The preceptor does not need to be present during travel (i.e., “on the bus”).
- Each athletic training student is trained as a professional rescuer and may provide standard life-saving and significant injury management without supervision **IF** the emergency action plan for that clinical site or facility is activated.
- Some examples of unacceptable clinical supervision:
  1. The preceptor being on a 2-way radio or cellular telephone with an athletic training student without the ability to physically intervene and direct patient care.
  2. The preceptor watching an athletic training student on closed-circuit TV without the ability to physically intervene and direct patient care.
  3. The preceptor being in only visual line-of-sight of an athletic training student without the ability to physically intervene and direct patient care.
  4. The preceptor being “on-call” at home or across campus without another preceptor providing clinical supervision as described above.
  5. The preceptor allowing an upper-level athletic training student to provide supervision to a lower-level athletic training student during patient care without a preceptor present as described above.
  6. The preceptor allowing a health care professional who is not a Missouri Valley College ATP preceptor to provide supervision to an athletic training student during an assigned clinical rotation.

Within these general guidelines, the athletic training student can perform the tasks their preceptor deems appropriate and approves in accordance with the athletic training students’ knowledge and abilities.

It is the responsibility of **BOTH** the athletic training student and preceptor to obtain clarification from the Clinical Education Coordinator or Program Director in regards to any specific situations which could be deemed as violating the Clinical Supervision and Travel Policy beforehand.

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