

Observation Hours Requirement Alternative Instructions

**We understand that some students may have difficulty gaining access to an athletic trainer to complete observation experiences. While we still highly encourage these observations to help the prospective student understand the profession they are declaring for their future, if you are unable to complete the 50 hours of observation, we will accept documentation of interviews conducted by the applicant with two different athletic trainers that demonstrate the applicant's understanding of athletic training as a profession.

Documentation may be in the form of an email/letter/etc. signed and dated by the athletic trainer along with their BOC or state license number.

Please also indicate where and with whom you attempted to gain observation hours

Please provide documentation of any observation hours that you were able to accomplish, if any.

Please use the following prompts to guide your interviews.

Interview Prompts:

- What are your main responsibilities as an athletic trainer?
- What is a typical day (or week) like for you?
- What do you like most about your work as an athletic trainer?
- What do you like least about your work as an athletic trainer?
- How does your job affect your general lifestyle?
- What are some common career paths in this field?
- How do most people get into this field? What are common entry-level jobs?
- What skills, abilities, and personal attributes are essential to success in the field of athletic training?
- What advice would you give someone who is considering becoming an athletic trainer?