



## **2022 Application Process for Specialty Orthopedic Clinical Experience**

Athletico Physical Therapy is proud to offer a Specialty Orthopedic Physical Therapy Clinical Experience. A limited number of placements are available for DPT students completing their final clinical rotation. Selected students will be placed with a Clinical Instructor who has advanced Orthopedic training including, Orthopedic Certified Specialist (OCS), Sport Certified Specialist (SCS), Certified Manual Physical Therapist (CMPT), Certified Orthopedic Manual Therapist (COMT), or Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapists (FAAOMPT). Students will treat the general orthopedic population using evidence-based treatment techniques and advanced manual skills to improve patient outcomes. This is a specialty rotation, and an application is required. The application process for 2021 is currently underway.

Interested applicants should email a resume, letter of intent, and letter of recommendation to [clinicaleducation@athletico.com](mailto:clinicaleducation@athletico.com) by April 16, 2021. Applications will be reviewed by Athletico's Student Clinical Education Team and Athletico's Manual Therapy program manager. Top applicants will undergo a phone interview in May/June and final decisions will be announced by June 25, 2021. This is a competitive application process. Athletico Physical Therapy has only two Specialty Orthopedic rotations available.

### **Requirements:**

- Resume and Letter of Intent
- Letter of recommendation from a faculty member
- Final Clinical Experience for 2022
- Strong Orthopedic background
- Exemplary professional behavior and communication skills

### **Preference:**

- Desire to work in an Outpatient Orthopedic setting upon graduation

### **Terms:**

- If an applicant does not receive a Specialty Orthopedic Clinical, the applicant is not guaranteed a general Outpatient Orthopedic rotation with Athletico Physical Therapy.
- Selected students will be assigned to a Clinical Instructor in Chicago or the surrounding suburbs, up to 1 hour driving distance from Chicago.

**Deadline for Applications: April 16, 2021**  
**Decisions will be announced by: June 25, 2021**

## Specialty Orthopedic Clinical Experience Letter of Recommendation

**Materials due by: April 16, 2021**

**Name of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide your views on the following by placing “X” in the appropriate column below.**

	Very Weak	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Very Strong
Applicant's capacity for analytic thinking and problem-solving					
Ability to work effectively with others					
Communication and interpersonal skills					
Commitment to learning					
Sense of responsibility and professional obligation					
Motivation					
Accountability for actions, decisions, and behaviors					
Demonstrates technical competency in basic manual and joint mobilization skills					

**Please attach a brief written statement elaborating further on the above qualities and describing what distinguishes this applicant from other candidates applying for Athletico Physical Therapy's Specialty Orthopedic clinical experience.**

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (electronic acceptable): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Letter of Intent**

In one page or less please answer the following:

1. Why are you interested in a Specialty Orthopedic Clinical Experience with Athletico Physical Therapy?
2. What are your post-graduation career goals?
3. What sets you apart from other candidates applying for a Specialty Orthopedic clinical experience with Athletico?