

## **S2S 2024 Application Process for Specialty Orthopedic Clinical Experience**

Athletico Physical Therapy is proud to offer a Specialty Orthopedic Physical Therapy Clinical Experience through our Student to Specialist program, S2S. 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 focus on high level critical thinking and differential diagnosis using evidence based treatment. Students will have exposure to cutting-edge techniques, which may include, Dry Needling, Blood Flow Restriction and advanced manual skills. This is a specialty experience and an application is required. The application process for 2024 is currently underway.

### **Requirements:**

- Resume
- Letter of Intent
- Letter of recommendation from a faculty member
- Final Clinical Experience for 2024
- Strong Orthopedic background
- Exemplary professional behavior and communication skills

**Preference:** Desire to work in an Outpatient Orthopedic setting upon graduation

**Interested applicants should submit their application packet electronically at this link by April 14, 2023. [Click here to Apply](#)**

Applications will be reviewed by Athletico's Student Clinical Education Team and Athletico's Manual Therapy program manager. Top applicants will undergo a virtual interview in May/June and final decisions will be announced by June 30, 2023. This is a competitive application process. Athletico Physical Therapy has limited Specialty Orthopedic rotations available.

**Locations:** Selected students will be assigned to a Clinical Instructor in

- **Chicago, Illinois, including Western Suburbs, Northern Suburbs, and Peoria, IL**, or the surrounding area, up to 1 hour driving distance
- **Milwaukee, Wisconsin**, or the surrounding area up to 1 hour driving distance
- **Central Pennsylvania** (near Mechanicsburg, PA and Athens, PA)
- **District of Columbia and Northern Virginia**, surrounding area up to 1 hour driving distance
- **Southern Virginia**, surrounding area up to 1 hour driving distance
- **Germantown, Maryland**, surrounding area up to 1 hour driving distance
- **Raleigh, North Carolina**, surrounding area up to 1 hour driving distance

### **Terms:**

- Athletico Physical Therapy will accept applications from academic programs which we do not currently hold a contract. If the applicant is chosen, Athletico will execute a one-time contract.
- If an applicant does not receive a Specialty Orthopedic Clinical, the applicant is not guaranteed a general Outpatient Orthopedic rotation with Athletico Physical Therapy.

**Deadline for Applications: April 14, 2023**  
**Decisions will be announced by: June 30, 2023**



## Specialty Orthopedic Clinical Experience Letter of Recommendation

Materials due by: April 14, 2023

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.**

Please return this rating form and the written letter to the applicant. The applicant will turn in with their other materials electronically as one application packet.

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 are your goals during your Orthopedic clinical experience?
4. What sets you apart from other candidates applying for a Specialty Orthopedic clinical experience with Athletico?