

George Mason University
College of Education and Human Development
Exercise, Fitness and Health Promotion

EFHP500.003 Clinical Techniques 3
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Faculty

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Prerequisites/Corequisites

Graduate standing or Permission of instructor

University Catalog Course Description

Studies problem areas in exercise, fitness, and health promotion research, theory, or practice under direction of faculty member. May be repeated. No more than 3 credits may be earned.

Course Overview

This independent study course facilitates opportunities for students to engage in-depth self-directed inquiry of a relevant topic or professional experience. The instructor of record will approve the title and focus and provide a final grade for this course.

This course facilitates opportunities for students to engage in an guided pediatric sports medicine clinical experience at an assigned middle school within the Prince William County Public Schools.

Course Delivery Method

This course will be delivered online (76% or more) using synchronous format via Zoom (<https://its.gmu.edu/service/zoom/>). You will log in to the Zoom using your Mason email name (everything before @masonlive.gmu.edu) and email password. The class will meeting weekly during the semester from 2:00 to 3:00pm est.

Under no circumstances, may candidates/students participate in online class sessions (either by phone or Internet) while operating motor vehicles. Further, as expected in a face-to-face class meeting, such online participation requires undivided attention to course content and communication.

Technical Requirements

To participate in this course, students will need to satisfy the following technical requirements:

- High-speed Internet access with standard up-to-date browsers. To get a list of Blackboard's supported browsers see:
https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student/Getting_Started/Browser_Support#supported-browsers

To get a list of supported operation systems on different devices see:

https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student/Getting_Started/Browser_Support#tested-devices-and-operating-systems

- Students must maintain consistent and reliable access to their GMU email and Blackboard, as these are the official methods of communication for this course.
- Students will need a headset microphone for use with the Zoom (<https://its.gmu.edu/service/zoom/>). Students may be asked to create logins and passwords on supplemental websites and/or to download trial software to their computer or tablet as part of course requirements.
 - The following software plug-ins for PCs and Macs, respectively, are available for free download: Zoom (<https://its.gmu.edu/service/zoom/>)

Expectations

- Course Week: Our course week will begin on the day that our synchronous meetings take place as indicated on the Schedule of Classes.
- Log-in Frequency:
Students must actively check the course Blackboard site and their GMU email for communications from the instructor, class discussions, and/or access to course materials at least 3 times per week. In addition, students must log-in for all scheduled online synchronous meetings.
Participation:
Students are expected to actively engage in all course activities throughout the semester, which includes viewing all course materials, completing course activities and assignments, and participating in course discussions and group interactions.
- Technical Competence:
Students are expected to demonstrate competence in the use of all course technology. Students who are struggling with technical components of the course are expected to seek assistance from the instructor and/or College or University technical services.
- Technical Issues:
Students should anticipate some technical difficulties during the semester and should, therefore, budget their time accordingly. Late work will not be accepted based on individual technical issues.

- **Workload:**
Please be aware that this course is **not** self-paced. Students are expected to meet *specific deadlines* and *due dates* listed in the **Class Schedule** section of this syllabus. It is the student's responsibility to keep track of the weekly course schedule of topics, readings, activities and assignments due.
- **Instructor Support:**
Students may schedule a one-on-one meeting to discuss course requirements, content or other course-related issues. Those unable to come to a Mason campus can meet with the instructor via telephone or web conference. Students should email the instructor to schedule a one-on-one session, including their preferred meeting method and suggested dates/times.
- **Netiquette:**
The course environment is a collaborative space. Experience shows that even an innocent remark typed in the online environment can be misconstrued. Students must always re-read their responses carefully before posting them, so as others do not consider them as personal offenses. *Be positive in your approach with others and diplomatic in selecting your words.* Remember that you are not competing with classmates, but sharing information and learning from others. All faculty are similarly expected to be respectful in all communications.
- **Accommodations:**
Online learners who require effective accommodations to insure accessibility must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services.

Learner Outcomes or Objectives

This course is designed to enable students to do the following:

1. Apply theories, concepts, practices and philosophies gained through both self-directed and guided learning to the clinical practice of Athletic Training in a pediatric sport setting
2. Critically analyze the development, delivery and administration of comprehensive onsite Athletic Training services for public school children engaged in afterschool activities at Prince William County middle schools

Required Texts

As directed by course instructor or supervisor.

Course Performance Evaluation

- **Assignments and/or Examinations**
 - **Weekly Reports**
The weekly reports allow the instructor to monitor your progress throughout the semester. Students are expected to log into each weekly class session and provide a weekly report. These serve as documentation of your activities during the semester. A template of the report will be provided to you.
 - **End-Semester Evaluation**

Student will perform a self-evaluation of their clinical practice and also submit an evaluation provided by their supervising athletic trainer in Prince William County Public Schools.

- **Other Requirements**

- **Academic Load**

- Although many students must work to meet living expenses, employment and personal responsibilities are not acceptable reasons for late arrivals, missed classes, or incomplete assignments. Employment must not take priority over academic responsibilities. For additional information on this subject, please see the GMU Academic Catalog (http://catalog.gmu.edu/content.php?catoid=5&navoid=104#Registration_attendance). Students failing to observe these guidelines should expect no special consideration for academic problems arising from the pressures of employment.

- **Honor Code**

- Students are held to the standards of the George Mason University Honor Code (see <http://honorcode.gmu.edu> for details). Violations, including cheating and plagiarism, will be reported to the Honor Committee. Student assignments may be put through plagiarism detecting software.

- **Written Assignments**

- All assignments must be typed in Microsoft Word, and formatted as follows: double spaced, 12 point Times New Roman font, 1 inch margins, your name and title in the running header at top left hand corner, continuous line numbers on left margin, and page numbers centered in footer. Failure to comply with any or all parts of this format will result in an unacceptable assignment, which corresponds to zero (0) points.
 - Pay close attention to spelling and grammar as these will count towards your grade on written assignments. American Medical Association Manual (AMA) of Style (10th edition) format must be used for all written work in this class (e.g., in referencing, creation of tables, and formatting headers for paper sections).

- **E-mail Correspondence**

- Only messages that originate from a George Mason University address will be accepted. *Emails with no subject or no text in the body will not be acknowledged.* All email will be responded to in the order in which it is received. Students should allow 48 hours for a response.

- **Grading**

ASSESSMENT METHOD	NUMBER	POINTS EACH	POINTS TOTAL
Weekly report in synchronous class	13	4	52
End-semester Evaluation	1	52	48
TOTAL	—	—	100

Course Grading Scale

The student's final letter grade will be earned based on the following scale:

Grade	Percentage	Quality Points	Grade	Percentage	Quality Points
A+	93%	4.00	B	83%	3.00
A	93%	4.00	B-*	80%	2.67
A-	90%	3.67	C	73%	2.00
B+	87%	3.33	F	<73%	0.00

Note: Although a B- is a satisfactory grade for a course, students must maintain a 3.00 average in their degree program.

Professional Dispositions

See <https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/policies-procedures/>

See the MS in EFHP program handbook for program specific policies.

Class Schedule

There will be weekly meetings from 2:00 to 3:00pm on Mondays. Please plan on attending the following dates:

1. 8/27
2. 9/7
3. 9/14
4. 9/21
5. 9/28
6. 10/5
7. 10/12
8. 10/19
9. 10/26
10. 11/2
11. 11/9
12. 11/16
13. 11/23

Note: Faculty reserves the right to alter the schedule as necessary, with notification to students.

Core Values Commitment

The College of Education and Human Development is committed to collaboration, ethical leadership, innovation, research-based practice, and social justice. Students are expected to adhere to these principles: <http://cehd.gmu.edu/values/>.

GMU Policies and Resources for Students

Policies

- Students must adhere to the guidelines of the Mason Honor Code (see <https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/honor-code-system/>).
- Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing (see <https://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/responsible-use-of-computing/>).
- Students are responsible for the content of university communications sent to their Mason email account and are required to activate their account and check it regularly. All communication from the university, college, school, and program will be sent to students **solely** through their Mason email account.
- Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services. Approved accommodations will begin at the time the written letter from Disability Services is received by the instructor (see <https://ds.gmu.edu/>).
- Students must silence all sound emitting devices during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.

Campus Resources

- Support for submission of assignments to Tk20 should be directed to tk20help@gmu.edu or <https://cehd.gmu.edu/aero/tk20>. Questions or concerns regarding use of Blackboard should be directed to <https://its.gmu.edu/knowledge-base/blackboard-instructional-technology-support-for-students/>.
- For information on student support resources on campus, see <https://ctfe.gmu.edu/teaching/student-support-resources-on-campus>

Notice of mandatory reporting of sexual assault, interpersonal violence, and stalking:

As a faculty member, I am designated as a “Responsible Employee,” and must report all disclosures of sexual assault, interpersonal violence, and stalking to Mason’s Title IX Coordinator per University Policy 1202. If you wish to speak with someone confidentially, please contact one of Mason’s confidential resources, such as Student Support and Advocacy Center (SSAC) at 703-380-1434 or Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) at 703-993-2380. You may also seek assistance from Mason’s Title IX Coordinator by calling 703-993-8730, or emailing titleix@gmu.edu.

For additional information on the College of Education and Human Development, please visit our website <https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/>.