

EXERCISE SCIENCE

PRACTICUM / INTERNSHIP

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PRACTICUM AND INTERNSHIP COURSE OPTIONS

ES 4050 or 4060 PRACTICUM

- 3 semester hour course
- 40 total contact hours minimum required at site (plus course assignments)---you can do more hours
- Intended for student to acquire observation/shadowing or light duty hours in an occupation related to their career interest in Exercise Science

ES 3900 INTERNSHIP

- 1-12 semester hour course
- 40 contact hours per semester hour required at site
- Intended for student to acquire a guided, practical hands-on experience at a qualified program site

STEP I: SELECTING A SITE

- Fitness/Wellness Centers/Gyms
- Physical Therapy Clinics
- Chiropractic Clinics
- Occupational Therapy Sites
- Hospitals
- Medical Clinics
- Athletics Departments
- Public Agencies



REMAINING STEPS TO GET REGISTERED

- Step 2: Call the site and set up an interview/meeting
- Step 3: Visit the site with your resume, site information sheet, and contract signature page in hand (some sites may ask about an internship manual—see link on website)
- Step 4: Finish completing the site info sheet with any missing info from the site supervisor
- Step 5: You sign and have the site supervisor or other official site representative sign the contract signature page in ink

DEADLINES

- If you are planning to enroll in ES 4050, ES 4060, or ES 3900 during the:
 - Summer: Materials should be submitted no later than **April 15th**
 - Summer session 2 materials can be submitted as late as May 15th because the Financial Aid deadline for summer registration is the end of May
 - Fall: Materials should be submitted no later than **July 15th**
 - Spring: Materials should be submitted no later than **November 15th**

WHICH MATERIALS DO I SUBMIT TO GET REGISTERED FOR THE COURSE?

- #1 – Completed Site Information Sheet
- #2 – Contract signature page with both student's signature and site supervisor's signature (in ink)
- #3 – Complete a Background Check (fee involved)
 - *Once you submit #1 & #2 above, you will receive an email with information on how to sign up and pay for the background check*

****You must be registered BEFORE you work any hours at a site****

HOW DO I SUBMIT THE FORMS?

1. Scan and email to:
triplttnt@appstate.edu
2. *or* Place in the Dr. Triplett's mailbox in
436 Levine Hall
3. *or* Slide under the office door: Levine
Hall Office #432C



SIDE NOTES AND TIPS

- Ideally, while it can be paid, it should not be a job you already have.
- It cannot be a place where you collect all of your hours in one week.

- Do all that is asked of you no matter how menial the task.
- Dress and act professionally.
- Seek variety and opportunity.

MOST ASKED QUESTIONS

- If the site you have chosen is on the site list, no pre-approval is necessary.
- If the site is not on the list, contact the Dr. Triplett for approval prior to turning in your paperwork.

MOST ASKED QUESTIONS

- It will take a few weeks to get you registered. Check your schedule near the end of the semester to make sure the course appears on your schedule.
- You may need to get immunizations, training, drug screening, etc. for a site. They should tell you this but it never hurts to ask.
- You may be asked to initiate an 'affiliation agreement' between the site and the university. This can take 2-3 months to complete. All requests for this should go to Dr. Triplett.



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