

2026 Application Process for Concussion/Vestibular Specialty Clinical Experience

Athletico Physical Therapy is proud to offer a Specialty Clinical Experience in the field of Concussion/Vestibular Rehabilitation. A limited number of placements are available for DPT students completing their final clinical rotation. This rotation offering consists of Concussion/Vestibular and Orthopedic conditions in an outpatient environment. Selected students will be placed with a Clinical Instructor who specializes in Concussion/Vestibular Rehabilitation. Students will treat the general orthopedic population but will also have exposure to a variety of Concussion/Vestibular Conditions. Concussion/Vestibular exposure may vary anywhere from 5-20% of the caseload. The student may be giving lectures or providing screenings regarding Balance and Fall Risk and Concussion Awareness to different populations, such as high school affiliates, local club teams and the general community. This is a specialty rotation, and an application is required.

Requirements:

- Application items to upload:**
 - Resume
 - Letter of Intent
 - Letter of Recommendation from a faculty member
 - Completed DCE Acknowledgement Form
- Final Clinical Experience for 2026
- Strong Orthopedic background
- Exemplary professional behavior and communication skills

Interested applicants should submit their application packet electronically at this link by March 31, 2025. [Click here to Apply.](#)

Applications will be reviewed by Athletico's Student Clinical Education Team. Top applicants will undergo a virtual interview in May/June and final decisions will be announced by June 18, 2025. This is a competitive application process. Athletico Physical Therapy has limited Specialty Concussion/Vestibular rotations available.

Terms:

- Final clinical experience is defined as a terminal experience immediately preceding graduation.
- Athletico Physical Therapy will accept applications from academic programs which we do not currently hold a contract with. If the applicant is chosen, Athletico will execute a one-time contract.
- If an applicant does not receive a Specialty Concussion/Vestibular Clinical, they may still be considered for a general outpatient orthopedic placement at the request of the DCE.

Deadline for Applications: March 31, 2025
Decisions will be announced by: June 18, 2025

S2S Concussion/Vestibular Locations

Location	Approximate Concussion/Vestibular Caseload
Lewes, DE	5-10%
Ocean View, DE	25%
Ingersoll, IA (Des Moines)	5-10%
Alton, IL	10%
Chicago, IL	10-20%
Niles, IL	15-25%
Frankfort, IL	20%
Oswego, IL	10%
Round Lake Beach, IL	15%
Bloomington, IN	75%
Overland Park, KS	5-10%
Shawnee, KS	25%
Louisville, KY	10%
Lexington, KY	10%
Pikesville, MD	15%
Urbana, MD	10%
Hillsdale, MI	5-10%
St. Louis, MO	5-10%
Omaha, NE	15-25%
Canton, PA	5-10%
Glen Allen, VA	25%
Franklin, VA	20%
Westchester, VA	15%
Williamsburg, VA	20-25%

Concussion/Vestibular Specialty Clinical Experience Letter of Recommendation

Materials due by: March 31, 2025

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					
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 mobilizations					
Demonstrates technical competency in basic Vestibular Disorders and Treatments					

Please attach a brief written statement elaborating further on the above qualities and describing what distinguishes this application from other candidates applying for Athletico Physical Therapy Concussion/Vestibular Specialty Clinical Experience.

Name (please print): _____

Signature (electronic acceptable): _____

Date: _____

Phone: _____

DCE Acknowledgment Form

Student's name: _____

Dates of Final Clinical experience: _____

DCE's name: _____

DCE's email: _____

Please indicate which specialty experience the student is applying for:

Cheerleading/Gymnastics	
Endurance Athlete	
Manual Therapy	
Pelvic Health	
Performing Arts	
Sports	
Concussion/Vestibular	

The Athletico team is excited that your student has elected to apply for a specialty clinical experience with us in 2026. As the DCE, we want to be certain you are aware of the student's application and Athletico's timeline. Please discuss with the student their top geographic choices based upon the options available in the application. Applications are due by March 31, 2025. The top candidates will have a virtual interview in May or early June. Final decisions will be sent via email by June 18, 2025. You will be cc'd on all correspondence between Athletico and the student throughout the process.

If a student is not selected for a specialty experience, they may still be considered for a general outpatient orthopedic placement at your request. Athletico will gladly assess availability for a general outpatient placement based upon the student's desired geographical location.

If you have any questions regarding Athletico's Student to Specialist clinical experiences, please contact clinicaleducation@athletico.com. Thank you for assisting your student with this application process.

Please return this acknowledgement form to the applicant. The applicant will submit this form with their other materials electronically as one application packet.

Signature of DCE _____ Date _____

Letter of Intent

In one page or less please answer the following:

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



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