

McNeese State University
GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP POLICY – SPORTS TRAINERS

Sports Medicine may require graduate assistants to work prior to or beyond the defined academic calendar, but no more than the cumulative hours required in a normal employment term. The following services are required for a full assistantship in Sports Medicine.

Qualifications:

1. Must have a National Athletic Trainers Association certification.
2. Must have Louisiana certification or eligible to be Louisiana certified as an Athletic Trainer.
3. Must be enrolled in a McNeese State University graduate program and seeking a graduate degree.
4. Must be enrolled in at least six hours of graduate course work toward the degree or thesis for the semester.
5. Must be in good standing with the University.

Duties:

1. Assigned to work with athletic teams and be involved in the evaluation, treatment and rehabilitation of McNeese State University athletes.
2. Supervise undergraduate student athletic trainers.
3. Graduate assistants are expected to work an average of 25 hours per week.

Full graduate assistantship consists of \$4,500 stipend per semester and exemption of full tuition portion of the student's fees and exemption of non-resident fess if applicable. Reappointment is contingent upon satisfactory progress toward the degree and satisfactory performance of assistantship duties. Satisfactory progress toward the degree is defined as completion of a minimum of 6 hours of graduate course work each semester applicable to the degree.

Graduate students who resign assistantships during the semester or are terminated after the end of late registration must reimburse the institution for the pro-rated share of their exempted tuition. They will also be ineligible for future employment as graduate assistants in the Athletic Department unless approved by the Athletic Director. Assistantships may be revoked at any time duties are not fulfilled satisfactorily.

Because of their role as student and employee, graduate assistants assume particular responsibility for upholding the University's Student Code of Conduct. All graduate assistants will be provided a copy of the McNeese State University Graduate Student Orientation Handbook.

Summer Session Graduate Assistants. A limited number of assistantships may be available for the Summer session. Students must be enrolled in a graduate degree program for at least 3 credit hours. One assistantship stipend is \$2,250 for 20 hours per week.