

Evangelista Orthopedic Clinic

Clinical Internship Program (6–12 Months) (for college students taking a planned absence or gap year with the intent to apply to medical school or other graduate school programs in health care)

Program Overview

The Clinical Internship Program at Evangelista Orthopedic Clinic is a structured, immersive 6–12 month experience designed for college students or recent graduates preparing to apply to medical school, physician assistant school, or nursing school. This program provides substantial hands-on clinical exposure, professional development, and opportunities to engage in research while becoming an integral member of the orthopedic care team.

Program Duration & Schedule

- Length: 6–12 months
- Hours: 30–40 hours per week
- Start Dates: Rolling, based on clinic needs
- This is a paid position

Interns must commit to a consistent weekly schedule, with flexibility for professional school interviews and application-related activities.

Program Objectives

Interns will:

- Gain extensive clinical exposure in a high-volume private orthopedic practice
- Strengthen their résumé and clinical experience for graduate health programs
- Explore career opportunities across medicine, PA studies, nursing, allied health, and research

- Learn fundamentals of patient care, orthopedic assessment, and clinical workflows
- Develop professional communication skills in a real-world medical environment

Role & Responsibilities

Interns will become active members of the medical team, working as a medical assistant and will participate in:

Clinical Duties

- Assisting with rooming patients and flow coordination
- Observing patient evaluations, follow-ups, and postoperative care
- Performing supervised dressing changes, splinting assistance, and basic clinical tasks (within scope)
- Supporting medical assistants and physician assistants during daily clinic operations
- Opportunities to attend operative cases (pending hospital approval)

Administrative & Workflow Support

- Preparing exam rooms and supplies
- Assisting with charting support
- Coordinating patient education materials
- Helping manage clinical efficiency and team communication

Research Opportunities (optional)

- Participation in ongoing clinical research projects
- Data collection, literature reviews, and evidence-based medicine exposure
- Optional development of a research poster or manuscript contribution

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be current college students planning structured time off, or recent college graduates in a gap year
- Have plans to apply to MD, DO, PA, NP, RN, or other health professional programs
- Demonstrate professionalism, reliability, and strong communication skills
- Complete required HIPAA and compliance training
- Provide proof of immunizations and documentation required by local hospitals (if shadowing OR)

Learning Experiences

Interns receive exposure to:

- Orthopedic physical exams and diagnostics
- Imaging interpretation (X-ray, MRI, CT)
- Surgical planning and postoperative management
- Clinic operations and private practice business workflows
- Interprofessional collaboration with surgeons, PAs, MAs, PTs, and administrative teams

Mentorship & Development

- Each intern will work closely with one or two orthopedic surgeons and two physician assistants
- Monthly mentoring meetings available to discuss career goals and application guidance
- Opportunities for letters of recommendation based on performance

Completion Benefits

Interns who complete the program will receive:

- A detailed evaluation summarizing their clinical competencies
- Eligibility for a letter of recommendation
- Enhanced readiness and competitiveness for medical, PA, or nursing school applications

Application Components

Interested applicants should submit:

- Resume
- Cover letter describing career goals
- Unofficial transcript
- References (optional)