

## Kelly Shaner

Currently live: Alexandria, MN

Hometown: Sanborn, MN

Year graduated from NDSU: 2015

Current job title: Athletic Trainer at Heartland Orthopedic Specialists

Describe your career path:

I work in an orthopedic setting during the day assisting a physical medicine and rehabilitation doctor during his clinic day with patient care. I am also a part of the 'spine team' at Heartland Orthopedics and assist with our neurosurgeon and physician assistant as needed with post op and patient phone calls. In the clinic, my duties can include anything from answering patients' procedural questions, calling with imaging phone calls, documenting for the physician, and assisting in the room on procedures.

I also provide local game coverage for local high schools.

Most important thing you learned while attending the MS in Advanced AT Program at NDSU:

I really enjoyed the ROT course. It gave me a lot of information that I currently use and will continue to use in my clinical role.

How did your education at NDSU prepare you for what you are doing today:

I would say the whole experience at NDSU in general prepared me for the work force. Being a GA, full time student, and working on a thesis forces you to learn to multi-task and prioritize things. And it has done the same in my work life. I have to prioritize things to know what is the most urgent and what can be done later.

