



MINNESOTA UNITED & MYSA Coaching Practicum



Minnesota United and Minnesota Youth Soccer, in a collaborative effort to develop more high-performing coaches in the state, are offering The Coaching Practicum for a limited number of coaches to gain first-hand experience in a professional youth player development environment.

What: Coach makes regular (once per week on average) visits to the MNUFC Development Academy (DA) program at the National Sports Center in Blaine to observe or assist in planning, training sessions, match-day, player assessments, and other coaching functions for a comprehensive experience within the MNUFC DA environment. Tim Carter, MNUFC Academy Director, will serve as the Coach's primary supervisor and mentor.

When: A five-month "semester," either August-December or January-May during the MNUFC DA soccer season.

Who: Coaches must have demonstrated experience and commitment to the coaching profession. A maximum of two coaches per semester will be accepted into the Coaching Practicum so the credentials, motivation, and goals of applicants are important considerations.

How to Apply: Applications should be submitted to MYSA no later than 30 days prior to the start of the relevant semester.

Cost: Coaches are required to submit a \$500 commitment bond upon acceptance into the Practicum. Upon successful completion of the Practicum, the bond less a \$50 admin fee (\$450) is returned to the coach. If a coach fails to honor the commitment and complete the Practicum the \$500 bond will be forfeited.

Certification: A Certificate of Completion will be issued jointly by MYSA and MNUFC upon successful completion of the program.