



TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ATHLETIC TRAINING PROGRAM

The Master of Science in Athletic Training program (MSAT) at the University of Mississippi is a rigorous and intense program that places specific requirements and demands on the students enrolled in the program. The technical standards establishes the essential qualities considered necessary for students admitted to this program to achieve the knowledge, skills, and competencies of an entry-level athletic trainer, as well as meet the expectations of the accrediting agency of the athletic training education (Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education – CAATE) and state regulations.

The following abilities and skills must be met by all students admitted to the University of Mississippi MSAT program. In the event a student is unable to fulfill these technical standards, with or without reasonable accommodations, the student will not be admitted into the program, nor retained in the program. Compliance with the program's technical standards does not guarantee a student program admission nor eligibility for the BOC certification examination.

Candidates for selection to, and students currently enrolled in the University of Mississippi MSAT program, must demonstrate:

- The mental capacity to assimilate, analyze, synthesize, integrate concepts, and problem solve to formulate assessment and therapeutic judgments and to be able to distinguish deviations from the norm.
- Sufficient postural and neuromuscular control, sensory function, and coordination to perform appropriate physical examinations using accepted techniques; and accurately and efficiently use equipment and materials during the assessment and treatment of patients.
- The ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with patients and colleagues, including individuals from different cultural and social backgrounds; this includes, but is not limited to, the ability to establish rapport with patients and communicate judgments and treatment information effectively. Students must be able to understand and speak the English language at a level consistent with competent professional practice.
- The ability to record the physical examination results and a treatment plan clearly and accurately.
- The capacity to maintain composure and continue to function well during periods of high stress.
- The perseverance, diligence and commitment to complete the Athletic Training Program as outlined and sequenced.
- Flexibility and the ability to adjust to changing situations and uncertainty in clinical situations.
- Affective skills and appropriate demeanor and rapport that relate to professional education.

Candidates for selection to the University of Mississippi MSAT program will be required to verify (signed acknowledgement) they understand and meet these technical standards or that they believe that, with certain accommodations, they can meet the standards.

Student currently participating in the MSAT program must be able to meet the technical standards, with or without accommodation, at all times.

The University of Mississippi Student Disability Services (SDS), in conjunction with the MSAT program director and medical director will evaluate, on a case-by-case basis, a student's request for reasonable accommodation on the basis of a disability. The University of Mississippi is committed to providing equal access/opportunity for students with disabilities, while at the same time, reserving the right to identify situations or accommodations that compromise clinician/patient safety or the educational process of the student or the institution, including all coursework, clinical experiences, and immersive experiences deemed essential to successful completion of the program or that could potentially alter the fundamental nature of the program. The program will consider requests for reasonable accommodations by any qualified student with a disability.

Failure of the student to follow a prescribed plan of accommodation or treatment plan that provides the student a reasonable opportunity to meet the technical standards may result in permanent dismissal from the MSAT program.

All technical and academic standards must be met throughout enrollment in the athletic training curriculum. It is the student's responsibility to notify the program director of any changes that could potentially effect his/her ability to successfully meet all technical standards. Students will be required to read and sign the Technical Standards form on an annual basis prior to beginning any clinical experiences associated with the MSAT program.

Technical Standards for Admission Student Acknowledgement

Please initial next to each statement below:

I certify that I have read and understand the technical standards for selection listed above.

I believe to the best of my knowledge that I meet each of these standards without accommodation OR with accommodation(s) from SDS.

I understand that if I request accommodation(s) through SDS, I must provide the MSAT with an outline of requested accommodation(s) from SDS.

I understand that if I am unable to meet these standards, with or without accommodation(s), I will not be admitted into the MSAT and/or be allowed to continue in the MSAT.

I understand that if my physical, mental, or emotional health changes, I must recertify the above.

Signature of Applicant

Date