



TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ATHLETIC TRAINING

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 establish 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 MSAT program. In the event a student is unable to fulfill these technical standards, with or without reasonable accommodation, 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 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 MSAT program and enrolled students 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. It is the student's responsibility to notify the Program Director of any changes (physical, mental, or emotional health changes) that could potentially affect his/her ability to successfully meet all technical standards.

The MSAT program conforms to the disability policies of the University of Mississippi. If a student believes he/she can meet the technical standards with accommodation, then the University will determine whether the accommodations requested (given appropriate documentation) are reasonable, taking into account whether the accommodations would jeopardize clinician/patient safety, or the educational process of the student or the institution, including all coursework and clinical experiences deemed essential to graduation.

Technical Standards – Student Acknowledgement

I certify that I have read and understand the technical standards for selection listed above, and I believe to the best of my knowledge that I meet each of these standards without accommodation. I understand that if I am unable to meet these standards I will not be admitted/continue in the program.

Student Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Alternative statement for student requesting accommodation(s):

I certify that I have read and understand the technical standards for selection listed above and I believe to the best of my knowledge that I can meet each of these standards with certain accommodations. I will contact the University of Mississippi Student Disability Services (662-915-7128 or sds@olemiss.edu), located in 234 Martindale to determine what accommodations may be available. I understand that if I am unable to meet these standards with or without accommodations, I will not be admitted/continue in the program.

Student Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____