

The University of Tampa

ATHLETIC TRAINING PROGRAM

Technical Standards For Athletic Training Students

(bring this with you to your physical examination)

The Athletic Training Program at The University of Tampa promotes the broad preparation of students for clinical practice. Further, students must demonstrate competence in those intellectual, physical, and social tasks that together represent the fundamentals of professional practice. Applicants and students will be judged not only on their scholastic achievement and ability, but also on their intellectual, physical and emotional capacities to meet the full requirements of the curriculum. Those individuals involved in admissions have been instructed to exercise judgment on behalf of the faculty to select entering students, and in so doing, to consider character, extracurricular achievement, and overall suitability for the health professions based upon information in the application materials.

The Athletic Training Program is a rigorous and intense program that places specific requirements and demands on the students enrolled in the program. An objective of this program is to prepare graduates to enter a variety of employment settings and to render care to a wide spectrum of individuals engaged in physical activity.

The technical standards set forth by the Athletic Training Program 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 program's accrediting agency (Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education [[CAATE](#)]).

The following essential function requirements must be met by all students after acceptance into the professional phase of the Athletic Training Program in order to enroll in or complete the Athletic Training Program. In the event a student is unable, or becomes unable, to fulfill these technical standards, with or without reasonable accommodation, the student cannot enroll or remain enrolled in the program.

Compliance with the program's technical standards does not guarantee a student's eligibility for the BOC certification exam.

Athletic Training students must demonstrate:

1. ...the ability to perform appropriate, effective and complete physical examinations and interventions including the safe and efficient use of equipment and materials; this includes, but is not limited to the ability to convey and set-up equipment for clinical or on-field use, to reach in a timely fashion injured patients who are down on athletic fields, to assess their condition where they lie, to perform appropriate emergency procedures, to fully participate in patient extrication and transport, to perform appropriate therapeutic and prophylactic procedures, and to demonstrate rehabilitative exercises;
2. ...the ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with patients and colleagues, including individuals from different cultural and social backgrounds and in stressful and emergency situations; 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;

3. ...the ability to record physical examination results and an intervention plan clearly and accurately;
4. ...the ability to assimilate, analyze, synthesize, integrate concepts and problem solve to formulate diagnoses, make therapeutic judgments and to distinguish deviations from the norm;
5. ...the ability to maintain composure and continue to function well during periods of high stress.
6. ...the ability to develop the perseverance, diligence and commitment to complete the athletic training program as outlined and sequenced.
7. ...the ability to adjust to changing situations and uncertainty in clinical situations.
8. ...the ability to develop and demonstrate foundational professional behaviors, ethics and appropriate demeanor and rapport that are essential for professional education and quality patient care.

Following their acceptance into the Athletic Training Education Program, students are required to verify that they understand and meet these technical standards or that they believe that, with certain accommodations, they can meet the standards.

For students who believe that they can meet these standards with accommodation, the University's Student Disability Services will validate their need for accommodation and will work with the Athletic Training Program to determine if reasonable accommodation can be made. This determination will take into account whether accommodation would jeopardize clinician/patient safety or undercut an essential element of a course, clinical experience or internship deemed essential to graduation.

Student Certification

- I certify that I have read and understand the technical standards 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 into the program.

Signature of Student

Date

Alternative statement for students requesting accommodations.

- I certify that I have read and understand the technical standards of 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 Office of Student Disabilities Services 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 into the program.

Signature of Student

Date