

TECHNICAL STANDARDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Master of Science in Athletic Training Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

The Master of Science in Athletic Training Program (MSAT Program) at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMUCC) is a rigorous and intense academic and clinical educational program which places specific requirements and demands upon students enrolled in the program. The objective for the MSAT Program is to prepare graduates to enter a variety of employment settings in order to render care to a variety of individuals engaged in physical activity.

The technical standards set forth by the Athletic Training Program (MSAT Program Technical Standards) establish the essential qualities considered necessary for students admitted to the MSAT 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 the Accreditation of Athletic Training Education [CAATE]). TAMUCC does not use the MSAT Program Technical Standards in any manner for admissions decisions concerning MSAT Program applicants. After admission, each MSAT Program student will be required to affirm his or her ability to fulfill the MSAT Program Technical Standards, with or without reasonable accommodation. In the event a student is unable to fulfill the MSAT Program Technical Standards, with or without reasonable accommodation, the student will be removed from the MSAT Program.

Compliance with the MSAT Program Technical Standards does not guarantee a student's eligibility for the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification (BOC) examination.

Students in the Master of Science in Athletic Training Program must demonstrate:

1. 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.
2. Enough postural and neuromuscular control, sensory function, and coordination to perform appropriate physical examinations using accepted techniques; and accurately, safely and efficiently use equipment and materials during the assessment and treatment of patients.
3. 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.
4. The ability to record the physical examination results and a treatment plan clearly and accurately.
5. The capacity to maintain composure and continue to function well during periods of high stress.
6. The perseverance, diligence and commitment to complete the athletic training education program as outlined and sequenced.
7. Flexibility and the ability to adjust to changing situations and uncertainty in clinical situations.
8. Affective skills and appropriate demeanor and rapport that relate to professional education and quality patient care.

Application of the MSAT Program Technical Standards

1. A copy of the MSAT Program Technical Standards will be placed in each application packet. The copy is for information and requires no action on the part of the applicant.

2. At the time a letter of acceptance is tendered to an applicant, the letter will be accompanied by another copy of the AT Program Technical Standards. At that time, the student must respond in writing that s/he does/does not accept the offer of admission. Further, the student must state in writing that s/he has read and can meet the AT PROGRAM Technical Standards with or without reasonable accommodation.
3. If the student does request accommodation, the requested accommodation must be specifically stated in writing. Further, the student will be required to submit written verification of disability and recommendations from the office of Disability Services (DS) for accommodation to the Director of Athletic Training.
4. The Director of Athletic Training will confer with Disabilities Services (DS) regarding assessment for and accommodation for the specific disability. DS will evaluate a student who states s/he could meet the MSAT Program Technical Standards with accommodation and confirm that the stated condition qualifies as a disability under applicable laws. This includes a review of whether the accommodations requested are reasonable, taking into account whether the accommodation would jeopardize clinician/patient safety, or the educational process of the student or the institution, including all coursework, clinical experiences and internships deemed essential to graduation. Disability Services may require further examination and/or testing by a professional approved by the University. The additional documentation will be reviewed by Disability Services, which will then render a decision regarding the student's ability to meet the standards for completion of the curriculum with reasonable accommodation.
5. If the student is judged to be able to meet the MSAT Program Technical Standards, Disability Services will notify the Director of Athletic Training in writing regarding the accommodation to be provided to the student. The student will receive a copy of that letter.
6. If the student desires any change in accommodation, either deletion or addition of accommodation, Disability Services will validate their need for accommodation and will consult with the MS in Athletic Training Program to determine if reasonable accommodation can be made. This determination will consider whether accommodation would jeopardize clinician/patient safety or undercut an essential element of a course, clinical experience, or internship.
7. If the requested accommodations requested cannot be met in a reasonable manner, then the student will be removed from the MSAT Program because the student cannot meet the standards for completion of the curriculum. The Director of Athletic Training will notify the student verbally and in writing of such a decision.
8. Students may appeal academic removal decisions by submitting a formal appeal to the MS in Athletic Training Program Director. The Program Director will refer the matter to the Chair of the Kinesiology Department and a committee of faculty members including two Athletic Training faculty and one Kinesiology faculty. The committee will hear the student's appeal and investigate the matter. The Chair will notify the Program Director and the student of the committee's decision in writing. Students can further appeal the decision by submitting a formal appeal to the appropriate university body (e.g. College of Education, Division of Student Engagement and Success).
9. Grievances concerning accommodations requests should be made to the Office of Disability Services.

By acknowledging below, you are confirming you were provided information on the Technical Standards and understand what will be asked of you in the Athletic Training Program. Upon admission to the AT Program, you will complete an additional Technical Standards form in which you will either attest your ability to complete the tasks as assigned or allow for you to request reasonable accommodations.

Printed Name of Applicant

Date

Signature of Applicant

Date