

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ATHLETIC TRAINING PROGRAM
TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION

The Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT) program at Texas A&M University 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 MSAT 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)]. All students admitted to the MSAT program must meet the following abilities and expectations. In the event a student is unable to fulfill these technical standards, with or without reasonable accommodation, the student will not be able to matriculate in the program.

Compliance with the program's technical standards does not guarantee a student's eligibility to sit for the Board of Certification (BOC) examination for athletic training.

Candidates for selection to the MSAT 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. sufficient 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 complete physically demanding duties such as:
 - transporting injured athletes from the field;
 - carrying heavy water containers and equipment (50 lbs.);
 - running across an uneven playing surface in a reasonable amount of time to care for emergency situations;
 - performing CPR and other emergency management procedures.
4. 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 communicate in the English language at a level consistent with competent professional practice.
5. the ability to record the physical examination results and a treatment plan clearly and accurately.
6. the capacity to maintain composure and continue to function well during periods of high stress.
7. the perseverance, diligence and commitment to complete the athletic training education program as outlined and sequenced.
8. flexibility and the ability to adjust to changing situations and uncertainty in clinical situations.
9. affective skills and appropriate demeanor and rapport that relate to professional education and quality patient care.

Candidates for selection to the MSAT program will be required to verify they understand and meet these technical standards or that they believe that, with certain accommodations, they can meet the standards. The Department of Disability Services at Texas A&M University will evaluate a student who states he/she could meet the program's technical standards with

accommodation and confirm that the stated condition qualifies as a disability under applicable laws. If a student states he/she can meet the technical standards with accommodation, then the University will determine whether it agrees that the student can meet the technical standards with reasonable accommodation; this includes a review of whether the accommodations requested are reasonable, taking into account whether accommodation would jeopardize clinician/patient safety, or the athletic training education process of the student or the institution, including all coursework, clinical experiences, practicums, and internships deemed essential to graduation.

Option I: Without Accommodation

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 into the MSAT program and or be allowed to continue in the program.

Name of Applicant (please print)

Date

Signature of Applicant

Date

Option II: With Accommodation

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 Department of Disability Services at Texas A&M University 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 MSAT program and or be allowed to continue in the program.

Name of Applicant (please print)

Date

Signature of Applicant

Date