

University of Colorado Colorado Springs
Athletic Training Program
Technical Standards for Admission

Athletic training is an intellectually, physically, and psychologically demanding profession. The abilities that an athletic trainer needs to practice safely are those described below, in the [Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education \(CAATE\)](#) standards, and in the [Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer](#) role delineation study/practice analysis. All admitted and enrolled students of the Masters of Science Athletic Training (MSAT) program must be able to meet these minimum standards for successful completion of degree requirements. Review of the technical standards by the program will take place after admission to avoid discrimination in the admissions process, however a student must still be able to determine that they can meet the technical standards with or without reasonable accommodation to be granted final admission into the program.

Students will be judged on academic accomplishments, as well as their physical and emotional capacities to successfully complete the program requirements and enter the profession of athletic training. Admitted students should read and understand the technical standards and determine whether or not they can meet the standards with or without reasonable accommodation. After acceptance, admitted students must provide a signed [technical standards form](#) for final admission processing. Attestation by a physician or other healthcare provider (i.e.: PA) is required using the MSAT Physician Attestation form.

Observation

Observation requires the functional use of vision, hearing, and somatic sensations. Students must be able to:

- participate in lectures and laboratory demonstrations
- observe and palpate a patient accurately to determine variations from normal and observe output readings to determine a patient's condition and the status of a treatment

Examples in which these observational skills are required include, but are not limited to:

- palpation of anatomical structures
- visual and tactile assessment for the presence and degree of edema
- listening to a patient describe his or her medical history and current symptoms

Communication

Students must be able to:

- understand, speak and write in the English language at a level consistent with competent professional practice
- communicate effectively and sensitively with patients, including individuals from different cultural and social backgrounds, to elicit information regarding mood, activities, and health complaints, as well as perceive nonverbal communications
- communicate effectively and efficiently with other members of the health care and athletic community to convey information essential for safe and effective care
- read, communicate in writing, and demonstrate computer literacy to complete assignments

Motor Function

Students must have sufficient motor function to:

- elicit information from the patient examination, using palpation, muscle strength assessment, joint range of motion measurement, and other evaluative maneuvers
- be the first responder in a potentially catastrophic injury (e.g., in-line stabilization of cervical spine, rescue breathing, obstructed airway management, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation) Some tasks require the ability to lift the equivalent of an adult human's body weight.
- execute movements required to provide therapeutic care, such as performing mobilization and wound care techniques

These skills require coordination of both gross and fine muscular movement and equilibrium.

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Intellectual Abilities

To effectively solve problems, students must be able to:

- measure, calculate, reason, analyze, integrate, and synthesize information in a timely fashion
- synthesize knowledge and integrate the relevant aspects of a patient’s history and examination findings to develop an effective treatment program
- comprehend three-dimensional relationships and understand spatial relationships of structures

Behavioral and Social Attributes

Students must possess the psychological ability required for them to:

- fully use their intellectual abilities
- exercise good judgment
- promptly complete all responsibilities inherent to the assessment and care of patients
- develop mature, sensitive, and effective relationships with patients

Students must be able to:

- tolerate physically and mentally taxing workloads
- function effectively under stress
- adapt to a changing environment
- function in the face of uncertainties inherent in the clinical problems of patients
- demonstrate ethical behavior, both in the classroom and during their clinical experience

Reasonable Accommodation

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, a qualified student who has a disability may request reasonable accommodations. Please work with [UCCS Disability Services](#) to discuss your particular circumstance. If a student states he/she can meet the technical standards with accommodations, the University will determine whether it agrees that the student can meet the technical standards with reasonable accommodations; this includes a review of whether the requested accommodations are reasonable, taking into account whether accommodations would jeopardize clinician/patient safety, or the educational process of the student or the institution, including all coursework, clinical experience, and field experience deemed essential for graduation.

SIGN & DATE ONE OF THE STATEMENTS BELOW

Statement for Students Not Requesting Accommodations

I certify that I have read and understand the technical standards for selection into the Athletic Training Program 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 the athletic training program.

Applicant Printed Name

Applicant Signature

Date

Alternative Statement for Students Requesting Accommodations

I certify that I have read and understand the technical standards for selection into the Athletic Training Program above, and I believe to the best of my knowledge that I meet each of these standards with certain accommodations. I will contact the Office of Disability 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 athletic training program.

Applicant Printed Name

Applicant Signature

Date