

TECHNICAL STANDARDS Master of Science in Athletic Training Program

The Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT) Program at Emporia State University is a rigorous and intense program that places specific requirements and demands on students. An objective of this program is to prepare students 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).

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

Candidates for selection to the MSAT Program should have the following qualities:

- 1. The mental capacity to assimilate, analyze, synthesize, and integrate concepts for problem solving 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 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 a variety of situations;
- 8. Effective skills and appropriate demeanor and rapport that relate to professional education and quality patient care.

Candidates for selection to the athletic training education program are required to verify they understand and meet these technical standards or that they believe that, with certain accommodations, they can meet the standards.

Emporia State University Student Accessibility and Support Services (SASS) will evaluate a student who states he/she could meet the program's technical standards with accommodation(s), and state the condition qualifies as a disability under applicable law.

If a student states he/she can meet the technical standards with accommodations, a determination is made within the University whether a student can meet the technical standards with reasonable accommodation. This includes a review as to whether the accommodations requested are reasonable with appropriate supporting documentation, taking into account whether accommodations would jeopardize clinician and patient safety, or the educational process of the student or the institution, including course work, clinical experience and internships deemed essential to graduate.

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 accommodations. I understand that if I am unable to meet these standards I may not be able to complete the program.

Signature of Applicant

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 work with SASS to determine what accommodations are appropriate and available. I understand that if I am unable to meet these standards with or without accommodations I may not be able to complete the program.