



Technical Standards

The Master of Science in Athletic Training Program (MSAT Program) at Alvernia University is a rigorous and physically 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. 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). The following abilities and expectations must be met by all students admitted to the MSAT Program. In the event a student is unable to fulfill these technical standards, with or without reasonable accommodation, the student will not be admitted into the program or permitted to continue in the program.

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 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 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.

Candidates for selection to the MSAT program will be required to verify through documentation, that they understand and meet these technical standards or that they believe that, with certain accommodations, they can meet the standards. The University Academic Success Center (ACS) will

evaluate a student who states he/she/they could meet the program's standards with accommodation and confirm that the stated condition qualifies as a disability under applicable laws. If a student states he/she/they can meet the technical standards with accommodation, 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 educational process of the student or the institution, including all coursework and clinical experiences deemed essential to graduation.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

(This form will be kept in each student's file in the Department of Athletic Training)

I certify that I have read and understand the Standards for Essential Functions for the Master of Science in Athletic Training Program at Alvernia University. I believe to the best of my knowledge that I meet each of these standards, with or without reasonable accommodation(s). Further, I understand that should I need accommodation(s) due to disability; it is my responsibility to meet with the Academic Success Center at Alvernia University to establish formal accommodations.

Print Student Name

Student Signature

Date