

TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR THE MASTER OF ATHLETIC TRAINING PROGRAM

The faculty of the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences have outlined Technical Standards documents (TSDs) that are unique to professional students and to specific programs within the school. Technical standards are nonacademic criteria for admission and continued program participation. TSDs may include such things as abilities in context (ability to discriminate breath sounds), behaviors in the present (compliance with an established code of conduct), or safety (a direct threat to health and safety). These standards may be achieved with reasonable and appropriate accommodations for otherwise qualified individuals. If you believe that you may need to request reasonable accommodations to meet the standards, or you have questions regarding your ability to meet the technical standards outlined below, inform your program's director of clinical education and contact the Office of Student Life Disability Services (SLDS) <https://slds.osu.edu/>. Any accommodations recommended, such as using an intermediary or other aid, cannot substitute for demonstrating any of the standards below nor replace the student's judgement.

Program Specific Description

As defined by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education, certified Athletic Trainers are health care professionals who render service or treatment, under the direction of or in collaboration with a physician, in accordance with their education and training and the state's statutes, rules, and regulations. As a part of the health care team, services provided by athletic trainers include primary care, injury and illness prevention, wellness promotion and education, emergent care, examination and clinical diagnosis, therapeutic intervention, and rehabilitation of injuries and medical conditions. Athletic Trainers and Athletic Training Students must possess certain mental, physical, and other abilities that are essential in providing care and services for their patients and clients.

The following technical standards, in addition to the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences academic standards, are necessary for admission, progression through the curricular program, and graduation from The Ohio State University. Below are the specific technical standards expected of students enrolled in the Master of Athletic Training program.

Professional students in the Master of Athletic Training program must:

- ...the ability to perform physical examinations and therapeutic interventions including the safe and efficient use of equipment and materials; this includes, but is not limited to the ability
 - to convey and set-up equipment including frequent lifting and/or carrying of objects over 50 pounds,
 - to reach injured or ill patients or clients in a timely fashion,
 - to assess a patient or client in the position in which they are found or reposition them for examination or treatment,
 - to perform appropriate emergency procedures,
 - to fully participate in patient/client extrication and transport,
 - to perform appropriate prophylactic interventions and to demonstrate therapeutic exercises.
- ...the ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with patients, clients, and colleagues, from different cultural and social backgrounds; to understand and speak the English language at a level consistent with competent professional practice; this includes, but is not limited to
 - comprehend and response to instruction from a supervisor, feedback from a patient or client, and communicate clinical decision making and care plan information effectively.

- ...the ability to record physical examination results, treatment plans, patient notes and outcomes clearly and accurately using both paper and electronic health records;
- ...the ability to gather, analyze, synthesize, integrate concepts and problem solve that form the basis for making risk assessments, diagnoses, therapeutic judgments, and distinguishing deviations from the standard of practice.
- ...the ability to maintain composure and continue to respond as instructed during emergency situations, in fast paced environments, or under time constraints (as designated by competition rules).
- ...the ability to adjust to changing situations and uncertainty in clinical situations;
- ...the ability to develop professional values, ethics, appropriate demeanor that are essential for professional education and quality patient care

Students must review and acknowledge that they can consistently meet these technical standards, either with or without accommodations. If at any point in time a matriculated student can no longer meet these technical standards, they should request accommodations through SLDS, consult with their program clinical coordinator/director of clinical education, and complete a new technical standards attestation. Please check **only one** of the boxes below and sign where indicated:

I certify that I have read and understand the Technical Standards criteria for students, and I believe to the best of my knowledge that I meet each of these standards **without accommodation**. I also understand that if I am unable or become unable to meet these standards, even with accommodation, that I cannot enroll or remain enrolled in the Master of Athletic Training program. I also understand that if I am unable or become unable to meet these standards, I should complete a new technical standards attestation and follow the steps below.

I certify that I have read and understand the Technical Standards criteria for students, and I believe to the best of my knowledge that I can meet each of these standards **with accommodation**. I will contact Office of Student Life Disability Services to have my need for accommodation validated (<https://slds.osu.edu/> or 614-292-3307). I will provide my program clinical coordinator/director of clinical education with the obtaining the approved accommodations from SLDS to determine appropriate accommodation option and complete a new technical standards attestation. I understand that in some cases accommodation might not be possible. I also understand that if I am unable or become unable to meet these technical standards, even with accommodation, I cannot enroll or remain enrolled in the Master of Athletic Training program.

Signature of Student

Date