

## TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR THE ATHLETIC TRAINING PROGRAM

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The Athletic Training Program at the University of South Carolina is a rigorous and intense program that places specific requirements and demands on the students enrolled in the program. The technical standards establishes 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 accrediting agency of the athletic training education (Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education – CAATE) and state regulations.

The following abilities and skills must be met by all students admitted to the USC Athletic Training Program. In the event a student is unable to fulfill these technical standards, with or without reasonable accommodations, the student will not be admitted into or progress 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 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 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.

In conjunction with the Student Disability Resource Center (803) 777-6742, the University of South Carolina will evaluate, on a case-by-case basis, a student's request for reasonable accommodation on the basis of a disability. The University of South Carolina is committed to providing equal access/opportunity for students with disabilities, while at the same time, reserving the right to identify situations or accommodations that compromise clinician/patient safety and/or fundamentally alter the nature of the program. The program will consider requests for reasonable accommodations by any qualified student with a disability.

All technical and academic standards must be met throughout enrollment in the athletic training curriculum. It is the student's responsibility to notify the program director if during enrollment, circumstances occur and he/she cannot meet the technical standards.

*Adapted from the National Athletic Trainers' Association*



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## ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENT

I certify that I have read and understand the technical standards 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 able to be admitted into or continue in the AT Program.

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*Student's Printed Name*

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*Athletic Training Student's Signature*

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*Date*

## PHYSICIAN

I have reviewed this form and believe that the applicant can meet these standards **WITHOUT** accommodation.

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*Physician's Printed Name*

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*Physician's Signature*

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*Date*

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*Physician's Phone Number*

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## FOR ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENTS REQUESTING SPECIFIC ACCOMMODATIONS (ONLY)

I certify that I have read and understand the technical standards of the section 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 Student Disability Resource Center at the University of South Carolina 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 or continue in the AT Program.

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*Athletic Training Student's Printed Name*

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*Athletic Training Student's Signature*

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*Date*

## PHYSICIAN

I have reviewed this form and believe that the applicant can meet these standards with certain accommodations. Please explain below:

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*Physician's Printed Name*

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*Physician's Signature*

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*Date*

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*Physician's Phone Number*