TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION

The Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT) Program at Franklin College is a rigorous and intense program that places specific requirements and demands on the students enrolled. 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 engaged in physical activity. The technical standards set forth by the MSAT Program establish the essential qualities considered necessary for students admitted 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. 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. This document meets the requirements as outlined by the American Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. The ADA makes it unlawful to discriminate against individuals with disabilities.

Compliance with the program’s technical standards does not guarantee a student’s eligibility for the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer national certification exam.

Candidates for selection to the MSAT Program must demonstrate:

1. 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. 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. Ability to record the physical examination results and a treatment plan clearly and accurately.
5. Capacity to maintain composure and continue to function well during periods of high stress.
6. 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. Ability to develop professional values, ethics, affective skills, appropriate demeanor and rapport essential for professional education and quality patient care.

If a student states he/she can meet the standards with accommodation, the Franklin College Academic Resource Center will evaluate the student’s need for accommodation to confirm the stated condition qualifies as a disability under applicable laws. The Academic Resource Center will work with the MSAT program to determine if reasonable accommodation can be made. This determination will take 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.

It is the policy of Franklin College that all opportunities are to be made available to qualified individuals on the basis of merit and without discrimination against any employee, applicant for employment, student, or applicant for admission because of race, color, religion, gender, disability, age, national origin, or sexual orientation.

Candidates for selection to the MSAT are required to verify they understand and meet these technical standards or indicate they believe, with reasonable and appropriate accommodations, they can meet the standards. This verification is completed during the application process through the Athletic Training Central Application System (ATCAS).