

Muskingum University Athletic Training Program Technical Standards Form

The Athletic Training program at Muskingum University is a rigorous and demanding program that places specific requirements and demands on any student 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 ATP 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 (CAATE).

All students admitted to the ATP must be able to meet the following abilities and expectations. In the event a student is unable to meet these technical standards, without reasonable accommodation as set forth by Muskingum University, the student will not be admitted into the program.

A student who has been admitted into the ATP must maintain the ability to perform all technical standards. If illness or injury occurs to a degree where the standards can no longer be met then a student may be removed from the ATP.

Compliance with the technical standards does not guarantee a student's eligibility for the BOC (Board of Certification) examination.

Technical Standards:

1. 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.
2. Be able to read, write, speak, and understand English at a level consistent with successful course completion, having the ability to communicate with athletes and successfully complete medical records clearly and accurately.
3. The mental capacities to assimilate, analyze, synthesize, and integrate concepts and to problem solve rapidly in order to formulate clinical judgments, and to be able to distinguish deviations from normal.
4. The capacity to maintain composure and continue to function well during periods of high stress.
5. 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.
6. The ability to discern between colors that are important in the assessment and care of patients.
7. Physical demands include but are not limited to:
 - a. Transporting injured athletes from the field.
 - b. Carrying heavy 10-gallon water containers.

- c. Carrying heavy medical kits.
- d. Completing physical testing procedures of muscles and ligaments to all body joints, etc.
- e. Completing all taping procedures in a reasonable amount of time.
- f. Running across uneven field surfaces in a reasonable amount of time to care for emergency situations.
- g. Be able to perform CPR and First Aid procedures.
- h. Frequently lift less than 10 pounds and occasionally lift between 10-20 pounds overhead.
- i. Occasionally carry up to 25 pounds while walking 10-20 feet.

Any student who wishes to request an accommodation is responsible to contact the Disability Education Office (DEO) to discuss his/her specific needs and the process to receive reasonable accommodation. Please contact the DEO, located in The PLUS Center in Walter Hall #26 or call 740-826-6132 to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. At the appointment, the procedure to coordinate accommodations will be discussed. You can also find information about the process for accommodation on the web at <http://www.muskingum.edu/deo>

Select one of the two options.

Option 1. 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 accommodation. I understand that if I am unable to meet these standards I will not be admitted into the program. Moreover, if at any time I am enrolled in the ATP, I become unable to meet the Technical Standards, I understand it is my responsibility to report this to the ATP Program Director, so that my status can be reviewed and referral made to the Muskingum University Disability Education Office.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Faculty Witness

Date

Option 2. 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 contact the Muskingum University Disability Education Office (740-826-6132)

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Faculty Witness

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