

***MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
ATHLETIC TRAINING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM***

TECHNICAL STANDARDS

The Athletic Training Educational Program at Middle Tennessee State University is a physically demanding and mentally intense curriculum that places specific requirements on students enrolled in this 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 engaged in physical activity. The technical standards, set forth in this document by the Middle Tennessee State University Athletic Training Educational Program, establish the essential qualities necessary for successful completion of the curriculum. Essential qualities are related to achieving the knowledge, skills, and competencies of an entry-level athletic trainer, which is the goal of the athletic training educational program. Furthermore, essential qualities meet the expectations of the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, which is the accrediting agency of athletic training education.

Compliance with the Middle Tennessee State University Athletic Training Educational Program's technical standards does not guarantee a student's eligibility for the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification certification examination.

The abilities and expectations listed on the next page must be met by all students admitted into the Middle Tennessee State University Athletic Training Educational 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.

Candidates for selection to the Middle Tennessee State University Athletic Training Educational Program must demonstrate:

1. the mental capacity to acquire knowledge, comprehend, analyze, apply, evaluate, and synthesize cognitive educational material related to athletic training;
2. sufficient postural and neuromuscular control, sensory function, and coordination to perform appropriate assessments using accepted methods;
3. sufficient postural and neuromuscular control, sensory function, and coordination to accurately, safely, and efficiently use equipment and materials during the treatment and rehabilitation of patients;
4. the ability to clearly and accurately record the results of athletic injury and illness assessments;
5. the ability to clearly and accurately record plans for the treatment and rehabilitation of athletic injuries and illnesses;
6. the capacity to maintain composure and continue to function well during periods of high stress;
7. the perseverance, diligence, and commitment to complete the athletic training educational program as outlined and sequenced;
8. the flexibility and ability to adjust to the uncertainty of a dynamic clinical setting;
9. the affective skills, appropriate demeanor, and rapport that relate to professional education and quality patient care.

Candidates for selection to the Middle Tennessee State University Athletic Training Educational Program will be required to verify they understand and meet these technical standards or that they believe that they can meet these standards with reasonable accommodation.

The Middle Tennessee State University Disabled Student Services will evaluate a student who states that he or she could meet the technical standards with reasonable accommodation. Also, the Middle Tennessee State University Disabled Student Services will be responsible for confirming that the stated condition qualifies as a disability under applicable laws. The Middle Tennessee State University Disabled Student Services will take into account whether the disability may jeopardize the clinician's or patient's safety and whether the disability may jeopardize the educational process of the student or the Middle Tennessee State University Athletic Training Educational Program, which includes coursework, clinical experiences and rotations, and senior internships deemed necessary for graduation.

Waiver of Reasonable Accommodation

I certify that I have read and understand the technical standards stated above and I believe to the best of my knowledge that I can meet these technical standards without the need for reasonable accommodation. Furthermore, I understand that if I am unable to meet these technical standards, I will not be admitted into the athletic training educational program.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Witness

Date

Acknowledgement of Need for Reasonable Accommodation

I certify that I have read and understand the technical standards stated above and I believe to the best of my knowledge that I could meet these technical standards with reasonable accommodation. Furthermore, I will contact the Middle Tennessee State University Disabled Student Service (898-2783) to determine what accommodations may be available. I further understand that if I am unable to meet these technical standards with reasonable accommodations, I will not be admitted into the athletic training educational program.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Witness

Date