East Carolina University  
Master of Science in Athletic Training  

Technical Standards for Admission and Retention

The Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT) program at East Carolina University is a rigorous and intense program that places specific requirements and demands on the students enrolled in the 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 by the MSAT 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 (Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education [CAATE]). The following abilities and expectations must be met by all students admitted to and throughout the MSAT program. The following abilities and expectations must be met:

Compliance with the program’s technical standards does not guarantee a student’s eligibility for the BOC certification exam.

Students admitted to and enrolled in the MSAT must possess:

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, safely 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 education 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 and quality patient care.

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 and will demonstrate competency in each of these standards with or without accommodation throughout the MSAT. I understand that I must notify the Program Director if my current accommodation status changes.

Accommodations for students with disabilities are handled through registration with the Department for Disability Support Services Office (252.737.1016), or http://www.ecu.edu/cs-studentlife/dss/.

Signature of Applicant ________________ Date ____________
Printed Name ____________________________