

Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT)
College of Education and Human Development



TECHNICAL STANDARDS

The Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT) Program at George Mason 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 Program establish the essential qualities considered necessary for students in this program to achieve the knowledge, skills, and competencies of a professional athletic trainer, as well as meet the expectations of the program's accrediting agency (Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education [CAATE]). All students in the MSAT Program must meet the following abilities and expectations in order to successfully complete the program.

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

To successfully complete the MSAT students must demonstrate:

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.

Student will be required to verify they understand that they must meet these technical standards to complete the program.

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The Office of Disability Services at George Mason University is responsible for determining reasonable accommodations.

If a student believes he/she will need reasonable accommodations to meet the technical standards of the MSAT, the Office of Disability Services will determine if the student qualifies for accommodations and what those accommodations will be.

I certify that I have read and understand the technical standards listed above, and I believe to the best of my knowledge that I can meet each of these standards with or without accommodations. I understand that if I am unable to meet these standards I will not be able to successfully complete the program.

Printed Name of Applicant

Signature of Applicant

Date