



Western Michigan University Athletic Training Professional Program Technical Standards Form

The Western Michigan University Athletic Training Professional Program (WMU ATPP) 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 for by the WMU ATPP 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 the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). The following abilities and expectations must be met by all students admitted into the WMU ATPP. 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.

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

Candidates for the selection of the Athletic Training Professional Program must demonstrate:

1. The intellectual capacity to assimilate, analyze, synthesize, integrate concepts, and problem solve to formulate assessment and therapeutic judgements 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 socioeconomic backgrounds; this includes but is not limited to the ability to establish rapport with patients and communicate judgements 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 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 professional 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.

Candidates for selection to the WMU ATPP will be required to verify that they understand and meet these technical standards or that they believe that, with or without reasonable accommodations, they can meet the standards.

Western Michigan University's Disability Services for Students will evaluate requests for accommodation to determine the compliance with applicable law, including whether the established condition(s) constitute a disability and whether the requested accommodation, or an alternate accommodation, is reasonable.

I certify that I have read and understand the technical standards for admission and I am able to meet these standards. I understand that if I am unable to meet these standards then I will not be admitted to the program and if admitted I will be dismissed from the program.

Student Signature

Printed Name

Date

****If you did not sign above you will need to complete the follow technical standard accommodation statement.***



**Western Michigan University
Athletic Training Professional Program
Policy on Accommodations for Technical Standards**

Western Michigan University fully supports the intent of all legislation designed to prohibit discrimination and the ATPP commits to respect and abide by such legislation.

Western Michigan University's Disability Services for Students provides services to the student who may need assistance in completing a needed Program requirement and can assist the Undergraduate Athletic Training Program Director in determining the physical and mental limitations of an Athletic Training Student (ATS). If an ATS or the Program Director later identifies actual or potential mental, psychological, or physical difficulties in meeting the standards established by the ATPP, the student, with assistance from the Disability Services for Students office, will consult the appropriate healthcare provider(s) capable of determining the implications of such difficulties in completing the ATPP.

The WMU ATPP faculty, in conjunction with the Disability Services for Students office, will use this information to determine if the ATS can meet the ATPP technical standards with reasonable accommodation. This review will take into account whether accommodation would jeopardize clinician or patient safety, or the education process of the ATS or the institution, including all course work, clinical experiences, and internships deemed essential to graduate from the WMU ATPP.

Alternate Statement for Students Requesting Accommodations:

I certify that I have read and understand the technical standards for admission and I believe I can meet these standards with reasonable accommodations. I will contact Western Michigan University's Disability Services for Students (<https://wmich.edu/disabilityservices>) to request such accommodations. I understand that if I am unable to meet these standards, with or without reasonable accommodation, then I will not be admitted to into the WMU ATPP and if admitted I will be dismissed from the Program.

Student Signature

Printed Name

Date