

University of North Florida Athletic Training Education Program Technical Standards

The profession of athletic training requires that the application of acquired knowledge be concurrent with the acquisition and development of psychomotor skills and tasks as well as professional behaviors and attitudes. The skills and behaviors listed below represent the minimal technical standards required for admission and retention in the Athletic Training Education Program at the University of North Florida. These requirements are needed to meet the necessary competencies and proficiencies to successfully complete the Program.

1. The student must possess the visual acuity and reading ability sufficient to monitor and manipulate equipment, implement modality and therapeutic treatments, and follow written protocols and/or plans of treatment for physically active individuals.
2. The student must possess the oral, auditory, and written abilities to effectively and sensitively communicate with patients, physicians, colleagues, and other allied health personnel. The student must also be able to establish rapport with patients and communicate judgments and treatment information effectively.
3. The student must possess sufficient postural and neuromuscular control, sensory function, and coordination to perform appropriate physical examinations using accepted techniques. This includes sufficient motor control and function to position, transport, evaluate, and assist with moving physically active individuals. These physical and neurological requirements must be able to be implemented in both emergency and non-emergency situations.
4. The student must possess and demonstrate the necessary professional behaviors which include the affective skills and appropriate demeanor needed for professional education and quality patient care. The student must also demonstrate the ability to adjust to changing situations and uncertainty in clinical situations. Furthermore, the student must demonstrate the ability to maintain composure and continue to function effectively during periods of high stress.

A student who is admitted to the Program but is unable to fulfill these technical standards, with or without reasonable accommodation, will not be able to complete the Program.

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 or without certain accommodations. If accommodations are required, I will contact the Disabilities Resource Center in Building 2, Room 2120 to determine what accommodations may be available. I understand that if I am unable to meet these standards with or without accommodations, I will not be admitted or, if previously admitted, be allowed to continue in the program.

Signature of applicant

Date