Frostburg State University
Professional Master of Science in Athletic Training Program

Technical Standards for Admission

The Athletic Training Program at Frostburg State 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 Athletic Training Program 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]). All students admitted to the Athletic Training Program must meet the following abilities and expectations. In the event a student is unable to fulfill these technical standards, the student will not be admitted into the program. Compliance with the program's technical standards does not guarantee a student's eligibility for the BOC certification exam.

Candidates for selection to the Athletic Training education program 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.

Candidates for selection to the Athletic Training Program will be required to verify they understand and meet these technical standards. Frostburg State University is committed to providing an accessible and supportive environment for students with disabilities. Students requesting accommodation for a disability are responsible for notifying the University of their disability and their request for accommodation. To initiate a request for accommodations, students must contact the Director of Student Accessibility Services, 150 Pullen Hall, 301-687-3064, disability@frostburg.edu.
The Office of Student Accessibility Services, in conjunction with the Athletic Training Program faculty, will evaluate a student's request for accommodations to ascertain if the request is able to fulfill the program's technical standards with reasonable accommodations.

I certify that I have read and understand the technical standards for selection into the Athletic Training Program. I understand that if I am unable to meet these requirements, with or without reasonable accommodations, I will not be admitted into the program.

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Print Name

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Applicant's Signature **Date**

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Physical Capability Information

Assumption of Risk

I, (print name) _____, understand that participating in the field of athletic training as an athletic training student at Frostburg State University may be physically demanding, requiring me to sometimes lift heavy objects (i.e. lifting an athlete on a spine board, coolers of water, medical bags), run (i.e. get to an injured athlete on the field of play), and otherwise engage in activity or positions to perform necessary medical and facility related task (i.e. evaluating an injury and cleaning the athletic training clinic respectively). The physically demanding activities pose an inherent risk of injury, and I acknowledge that these risks exist and I am willing to assume these risks and will not hold Frostburg State University and its personnel responsible for any pre-existing medical condition(s) that I may have.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____