UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
ATHLETIC TRAINING PROGRAM
TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR OBSERVATION AND
ADMISSION

The Athletic Training Program at the University of Georgia is a rigorous and intense program that places specific requirements and demands on the students enrolled in the program and its courses. 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]). The following abilities and expectations must be met by all students participating in the Observation course and admitted to the Athletic Training Program. 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.

Qualification for observation in, admission to, and graduation from, the University of Georgia, Department of Kinesiology, Athletic Training Program requires satisfaction of the following technical standards:

1. Sufficient intellectual capacity to fulfill the curricular requirements of the various basic science, athletic training, and clinical education courses.

2. Ability to effect multimodal communication with patients, colleagues, instructors and other members of the health care community. Ability to project a neat, well-groomed physical appearance.

3. The physical ability to learn and implement the various technical skills required by the faculty to facilitate preparation for the provision of health care.

4. Sufficient emotional stability to withstand the stress, uncertainties and changing circumstances that characterizes the dependent practice of athletic training.

5. 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, treatment, and rehabilitation of patients.

The University of Georgia Disability Services will evaluate a student who states he/she could meet the program’s technical standards with accommodation and confirm that the stated condition qualifies as a disability under applicable laws.
If a student states he/she can meet the technical standards with accommodation, then the University will determine whether it agrees that the student can meet the technical standards with reasonable accommodation; this includes reviewing whether the accommodations requested are reasonable, taking into account whether accommodation would jeopardize clinician/patient safety, or the educational process of the student or the institution, including all coursework, clinical experiences and directed field experiences deemed essential to graduation or enrollment in the observation experience.

I certify that I have read and understand the technical standards for selection listed above, and I believe to the best of my knowledge that I meet each of these standards without accommodation. I understand that if I am unable to meet these standards I will not be admitted into the program.

Signature of Applicant       Date

Printed name of applicant

Alternative statement for students requesting accommodations.

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 certain accommodations. I will contact the University of Georgia Disability Services Department 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 into the program or the observation experience.

Signature of Applicant       Date

Printed name of applicant

Technical standards have been developed by the Kinesiology Department for use in evaluation of prospective students. These standards are admissions guidelines and are subject to continuing revision and improvement.