

MASTER'S IN ATHLETIC TRAINING PROGRAM TECHNICAL STANDARDS

The Master's in Athletic Training (MSAT) program at University of the Pacific 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 qualifications 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).

All students admitted to the MSAT program must meet the following abilities and expectations. 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. The student may be dismissed from the MSAT Program, at any time, should it be determined that he/she is unable to meet the technical standards. Compliance with the program's technical standards does not guarantee a student's eligibility for the Board of Certification (BOC) certification examination. (Please refer to www.bocatc.org, if you have any questions regarding the BOC certification examination.)

Technical Standards: Candidates for selection to the MSAT program must demonstrate:

1. The cognitive 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. Applicants from countries in which the official language is not English are required to submit evidence of English language proficiency. University of the Pacific accepts the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), and the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) as evidence of proficiency. A minimum score of 80 on the TOEFL or 6.5 on the IELTS is required.
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 satisfactorily 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.

Candidates for selection to the MSAT program will be required to confirm they understand and meet these technical standards with or without reasonable accommodations. Students who are unable to meet these standards with or without accommodations will not be admitted to the MSAT program, or if admitted, may later be subject to dismissal.

If you have questions about these Technical Standards, please contact the MSAT Program Director. If you believe that you require reasonable accommodations, please contact the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) on the first floor of the McCaffery Center at 209-946-3221 or ssd@pacific.edu. Personal will review a student's documentation to determine reasonable accommodations, and may request assistance from the MSAT Program Director to ensure understanding of these standards. The determination will take into account whether an accommodation would fundamentally alter the nature of the program or would jeopardize clinician/patient safety, including all course work, clinical experiences and internships deemed essential for graduation. Any cost associated with acquiring the appropriate documentation to verify the need for reasonable accommodations is the responsibility of the student.

Technical Standard Affidavit

I certify that I have read and understand the technical standards listed above and believe to the best of my knowledge that I meet each of these standards. I understand the any cost associated with acquiring the appropriate documentation to verify the need for reasonable accommodations is my responsibility. I understand that if I am unable to meet these standards with or without reasonable accommodations, I may not be admitted to the program or I may be subsequently dismissed.

Print Name of Applicant

Signature of the Applicant

Date