

SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE

Athletic Training Education

Technical Standards for Admission

The Athletic Training Education Program at Southwestern College is a rigorous and intense program that places specific requirements and demands on the student 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 Educational Program establish the essential qualities considered necessary for student 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 of Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)). All students admitted to the Athletic Training Educational 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. Compliance with the program's technical standards does not guarantee a student's eligibility for the National Athletic Trainers' Board of Certification (NATABOC) 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 judgment 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, information effectively.
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 change 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 Education Program will be required to verify they understand and meet these technical standards or that they believe that, with certain reasonable accommodations, they can meet the standards. Students must notify the Director of Athletic Training Education immediately if their ability to meet the technical standards changes.

The Student Life Office (229-6391) will evaluate a student who states he/she could meet the program's technical standards with reasonable accommodations and confirm that the stated condition qualifies and disability under applicable laws.

If a student states he/she can meet the technical standards with reasonable accommodations, then the college will determine whether it agrees that the student can meet the technical standards with reasonable accommodation; this includes a review of 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 practicum's deemed essential to graduation.

Southwestern College need not provide accommodations or modify its program of study or facilities such that it would fundamentally alter and/or place an undue burden on the educational program or academic requirements and technical standards, which are essential to said program.

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.

Printed name of applicant: _____

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

Witness: _____

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 Student Life Office to determine what reasonable accommodations may be available. I understand that if I am unable to meet these standards with or without reasonable accommodations, I will not be admitted into program.

Printed name of applicant: _____

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

Witness: _____