



Manchester
University

**COLLEGE of PHARMACY,
NATURAL & HEALTH SCIENCES**

Department of Exercise Science and Athletic Training
Master of Athletic Training Program

TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION

As stated in the Manchester *Graduate Bulletin*, and the *MAT Graduate Student Handbook*, the MAT program (“the program”) places **specific requirements and demands** on admitted students.

An objective of the program is to prepare graduates to enter a variety of health care employment settings and to render appropriate care to a wide spectrum of individuals engaged in physical activity. The technical standards set forth 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, the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). In the event a student is unable to fulfill these technical standards, even with reasonable accommodations, the student will not be allowed to continue in the program. Compliance with the program’s technical standards does not guarantee a student’s eligibility for the Board of Certification (BOC) examination.

The following abilities and expectations must be met by all students admitted to the major:

Candidates for admission to the MAT Program at Manchester University must demonstrate:

1. The mental capacity to assimilate, analyze, synthesize, and integrate concepts and to problem solve rapidly in order to formulate clinical judgments, and to be able to distinguish deviations from normal;
2. Sufficient postural and neuromuscular control, sensory function, muscular strength, and coordination to perform appropriate physical examinations using accepted techniques; to accurately, safely, and efficiently use equipment and materials during the assessment and treatment of patients and the prevention of injury and illness in the physically active population;
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 required curriculum as outlined and sequenced;
7. The ability to adjust to rapidly changing situations and uncertainty in clinical situations;
8. Affective skills (values) and appropriate demeanor and rapport that relate to professional education and quality patient care.

Candidates for admission to the MAT Program at Manchester University are required to verify they understand and meet these technical standards or they believe that, with certain accommodations, they can meet the standards.

The Director of Academic Support and Disability Support 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 accommodations, the University will determine whether it agrees that the student can meet the technical standards with reasonable accommodations; this includes a review of whether the requested accommodations are reasonable, taking into account whether accommodations would jeopardize clinician/patient safety, or the educational process of the student or the institution, including all coursework, clinical experience, and field experience deemed essential for graduation.

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 accommodations. I understand that if I am unable to meet these standards I will not be able to continue in the program.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Alternate statement for students requesting accommodation(s):

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 Director of Academic Support and Disability Support Services to determine what accommodations may be available. I understand that if I am unable to meet these standards, even with accommodations, I will not be able to continue in the program.

Signature of Applicant

Date