

## GRADUATE ATHLETIC TRAINING PROGRAM

### TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION

The Graduate Athletic Training Program (GATP) at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga (UTC) 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 GATP establish the essential qualities considered necessary for students admitted to this program to achieve the knowledge, skills, and competencies of an advanced athletic trainer, as well as meet the expectations of the program's accrediting agency (National Athletic Trainer's Association Graduate Review Committee, NATA-GRC). All students admitted to the GATP 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.

Candidates for selection to the GATP 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. 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 GATP will be required to verify they understand and meet these technical standards or that they believe that, with reasonable accommodations, they can meet the standards.

The Disability Resource Center at UTC 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 engage in an interactive process in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act to determine if the student can meet the technical standards with reasonable accommodations; this includes a review a 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 internships deemed essential to 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 accommodation. I understand that if I am unable to meet these standards I will not be admitted into the program.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

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Print Name

#### **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 reasonable accommodations. I will contact the Disability Resource Center (425-4006) 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.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date