



TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION

The Athletic Training Program at Lindenwood University is a rigorous and intense program that places specific requirements and demands on the students enrolled in the program. The 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 (CAATE). The following abilities and expectations must be met by all students 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.

Compliance with the program's technical standards does not guarantee a student's eligibility for Board of Certification examination.

Candidates for selection to the Athletic Training Program must demonstrate:

1. The mental capacity to acquire, analyze, and apply principles and concepts necessary to problem solve and formulate assessments and action plans related to patient care.
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. 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 results of a physical examination 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 Program as outlined and sequenced.
7. Flexibility and the ability to adjust to changing situations and uncertainty in clinical situations.
8. Effective skills and appropriate demeanor and rapport that relate to professional education and quality patient care.

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

The Student Academic and Support Services department will evaluate a student who states he/she could meet the program's standards with accommodations 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 accommodations; this includes a review as whether the accommodations requested 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 experiences, and internships deemed essential to graduation.
