



# WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC TRAINING PROGRAM



## TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION INTO THE ATHLETIC TRAINING PROGRAM

The Athletic Training Program (ATP) at West Liberty University is a labor intensive and demanding academic program, which places specific requirements and demands on the students in the program. The Mission of the WLU ATP is to graduate a student that demonstrates effective communication and ethical decision making while always considering patient-centered values. In addition, the ability to practice and apply evidence-based medicine in patient care is vital. As well as providing a culture of peer mentoring and leadership that builds knowledge, strengthens clinical skill application, and facilitates an environment of continuous learning, while constantly advocating for the profession of athletic training in various health care settings.

The technical standards, according to the ATP, establishes the essential qualities considered necessary for students to achieve the knowledge, skill, and competencies of an entry-level athletic trainer, as well as meet the expectations of the program's accreditation agency (Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education [CAATE]). Furthermore, these technical standards are the basic physical, cognitive, and psychosocial skills and abilities that are required for all students who choose to major in Athletic Training at West Liberty University. In the case of a student's inability to fulfill the requirements of the Technical Standards with or without reasonable accommodations, the student will be prohibited admission into the ATP. Lastly, compliance with the ATP's technical standards does not guarantee a student's eligibility for the Board of Certification exam. Athletic Training Students who can demonstrate these standards have the best chance of being successful in the West Liberty University ATP:

1. The mental capacities to assimilate, analyze, synthesize, and 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 professional practice.
4. The ability to record the physical examination results and treatment plans 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 ATP outlined and developed at West Liberty University.
7. The ability, flexibility, and willingness to adjust to changing situations and uncertainty of clinical education sites.
8. Effective skills and appropriate demeanor and rapport that relate to professional education and effective quality patient care.

In the event a student should request the need for accommodations in order to meet the technical standards, the Program Director will be notified, and, in conjunction with the University's Academic Policies, a review of the request will commence. Ultimately, the determination for specific accommodations will be implemented on a case-by-case basis. West Liberty University reserves the right to deny or refuse accommodations deemed unreasonable. There will not be any accommodations made if clinician/patient safety, the educational integrity of the program (including coursework, the educational process of the student, internships and clinical sites), or the university could be jeopardized. Each student must meet the technical standards for all courses throughout enrollment in the program.

Student Statement: Check only one box

I confirm that I have read and understand the technical standards listed above and to the best of my knowledge believe I am able to meet each of these standards without accommodations. I understand that should I become unable to meet these standards with or without accommodations, I will not be able to enroll or remain in the program.

**(OR)**

I confirm that I have read and understand the technical standards listed above and to the best of my knowledge believe I am able to meet each of these standards with accommodations. I will contact the Program Director and other necessary university officials and administration in order to have the need for accommodations evaluated. I understand in some cases accommodations might not be possible, and West Liberty University reserves the right to deny any requests deemed unreasonable. I also understand that should I become unable to meet these standards with or without accommodations, I will not be able to enroll or remain in the program.

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Student Signature

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Date