

Wheeling Jesuit University
Department of Athletic Training
Technical Standards for Admission

The Athletic Training Education Program at Wheeling Jesuit University is a rigorous and intense academic 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 people engaged in physical activity. The technical standards set forth by the ATEP establish the essential qualities considered necessary for students admitted to this program to achieve the knowledge, skills 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]) 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 Wheeling Jesuit University. Should a student not be able to fulfill the requirements of the Technical Standards with or without reasonable accommodations, the student will be prohibited admission into the ATEP program. In addition, compliance with the ATEP's technical standards does not necessarily guarantee a student's eligibility for the Board of Certification exam.

The following standards must be demonstrated by the Wheeling Jesuit University ATEP student:

1. The mental capacity 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 a 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 athletic training education program outlined and developed at Wheeling Jesuit University.
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 effective quality patient care.

Should a student 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 Resource Center a review of the request will commence. Determinations for specific accommodations will be implemented on a case by case basis. The University reserves the right to deny, or refuse accommodations that are deemed unreasonable. No accommodations will be made if clinician/patient safety, the educational integrity of the program (including coursework, 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.

****It should be understood by the student that any change in the student's medical, physical or psychological status warrants re-examination of this form and possibly a change in the status of the student's accommodation needs. Thus, it may be necessary to sign subsequent Technical Standards forms while attending WJU as an Athletic Training Student.**

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 accommodation***. I also understand that should I become unable to meet these standards with or without accommodation, 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 the University's Academic Resource Center to have the need for accommodation evaluated. I understand in some cases accommodation might not be possible, and the 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 accommodation, I will not be able to enroll or remain in the program.

Student Signature _____

Date _____