ATHLETIC TRAINING PROGRAM
TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION

The Athletic Training Program (ATP) at Chapman University is a rigorous and intense program that places specific requirements and demands on athletic training students, in order to prepare graduates to render care to a wide spectrum of individuals engaged in physical activity in a variety of employment settings. The technical standards set forth by the ATP 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).

All students admitted to the ATP 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. The student may be dismissed from the ATP, at any time, should it be determined that he/she is unable to satisfy the technical standards. Compliance with the program’s technical standards does not guarantee a student’s eligibility for, or success on, the Board of Certification (BOC) exam.

Candidates for selection to the ATP must demonstrate:

1. The mental 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, establishing rapport with patients and communicating 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 effectively during periods of high stress.
6. The perseverance, diligence and commitment to complete the ATP as outlined and sequenced in the Athletic Training Student Handbook.
7. Flexibility and the ability to adjust to changing situations and uncertainty in clinical situations.
8. Affective skills, appropriate demeanor and rapport that relate to professional education and quality patient care.

Candidates for the ATP will be required to verify their understanding and ability to meet these technical standards or that they believe, with certain accommodations, they can meet the standards. The Office of Disability Services and/or the Equal Opportunity Office 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 determine whether it agrees that the student can meet the technical standards with reasonable accommodation. This includes a review of whether the accommodations requested are reasonable, taking into account whether accommodations would jeopardize clinician/patient safety, or the educational process of the athletic training student or the institution, including all coursework, clinical experiences and internships deemed essential to graduation.

My signature below certifies 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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Date

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Print Name of Athletic Training Student

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Signature of Athletic Training Student