

Olivet Nazarene University Athletic Training Program

Technical Standards

It is the objective of the Athletic Training Program (ATP) at Olivet Nazarene University to prepare students for the wide variety of athletic training employment settings that currently exist. Towards this end, the faculty of the athletic training education program has set forth technical standards. These standards outline the essential cognitive, psychomotor, and affective qualities considered necessary for students admitted into the program to achieve the baseline competencies and proficiencies required of an entry-level NATABOC certified athletic trainer, as well as our accrediting agency The Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE).

Students matriculating in the athletic training program at Olivet Nazarene University are subject to rigorous and intense requirements. Students must possess the perseverance, diligence, and commitment to complete the athletic training program as outlined and sequenced. The essential requirements listed below must be met by all students selected into the athletic training program and must be maintained throughout the student's progress within the program. Students unable to fulfill these technical standards, with or without reasonable accommodation, may be dismissed from the program.

Candidates applying for the athletic training program must:

- Be proficient in higher order thinking skills, including; assimilation, analysis, and synthesis. Additionally, students must be able to integrate concepts and problem-solve to formulate assessment and therapeutic judgments and be able to distinguish deviations from the norm
- Possess psychomotor postural and neuromuscular control, sensory function, and coordination necessary to perform appropriate physical examinations utilizing accepted techniques; perform common prevention and emergency care techniques; and accurately, safely and efficiently use equipment and materials during assessment and therapeutic treatment of patients.
- Understand and speak the English language at a level consistent with competent professional practice. Communicate effectively and sensitively with patients and colleagues, including individuals from different cultural and social backgrounds.
- Document both physical examination results and rehabilitation protocols and results clearly and accurately.
- Identify and respond appropriately to emergency situations and other situations that generate a high level of stress.
- Remain flexible and adjust to the fluid uncertainty that surrounds clinical situations

- Demonstrate affective competence when dealing with patients, caregivers, and colleagues.
- Accept constructive evaluation of their skills and respond appropriately by modifying their behavior.

Candidates for selection to the athletic training education program will be required to verify that they understand and meet these technical standards or that they believe that, with certain accommodations they meet the standards.

If a student feels that he/she is unable to complete the required technical standards they are to contact Dr. Sue Rattin, Director of Assessment and Learning Support Services. Dr. Rattin will evaluate the student to determine if accommodations need to be made for completion of the required technical standards.

If a student states he/she can meet the essential requirements with accommodations, then the Director of Assessment and Learning Support Services Office will determine whether they agree that the student can meet the technical standards with reasonable accommodation; this includes review of whether the accommodations would jeopardize clinical/patient safety, or the educational process of the student or the institution, including all coursework, clinical education and clinical field experiences including an internship.

Please sign only one of the statements below:

I. I, _____, certify that I have read and understand the essential requirements listed above and I believe to the best of my knowledge that I meet each of these requirements without accommodation. I understand that if I am unable to meet these requirements I may be dismissed from the program.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Alternative statement for students requesting accommodations.

II. I, _____ certify that I have read and understand the essential requirements listed above and I believe to the best of my knowledge that I can meet each of these standards with certain accommodations. I will contact the Olivet Nazarene University Academic Support Office to determine what accommodations may be available. I understand that if I am unable to meet these standards, with or without accommodations, I may be dismissed from the program.

Signature of Applicant

Date