MNU Athletic Training Program Technical Standards for Admission

The Athletic Training Program at MidAmerica Nazarene University is a rigorous and intense program that places specific requirements and demands on the students enrolled. An 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 Educational 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 (Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs [CAAHEP]). All students admitted to the Athletic Training Educational Program 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.

Compliance with the program’s technical standards does not guarantee a student’s eligibility for the NATABOC certification exam.

Candidates for selection to the Athletic Training Program 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, 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 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 well during periods of high stress;
6. The perseverance, diligence and commitment to complete the Athletic Training Program as outline and sequenced;
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 quality patient care.
Candidates for selection to the MidAmerica Nazarene University’s Athletic Training Program will be required to verify they understand and meet these technical standards or that they believe that, with certain accommodations, they can meet the standards.

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 accommodation 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.

Please read and sign ONE of the following statements:

**Affirmative Statement:**

I certify that I have read and understand the Technical Standards for Admission into the MidAmerica Nazarene University Athletic Training Program and I believe, to the best of my knowledge, that I meet each of these standards without being provided any accommodations. I understand that if I am unable to meet these standards I will not be admitted into the MNU Athletic Training Program. I understand that if a situation occurs where I may need accommodation (as described on page 1 and 2) I will inform and meet with the Program Director to discuss the situation and possibly sign a new Technical Standards document.

_________________________________   ____________________  
MNU Athletic Training Student Name                      Date

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MNU Athletic Training Student Signature

**Alternative statement for requesting accommodations:**

I certify that I have read and understand the Technical Standards for Admission into the MidAmerica Nazarene University Athletic Training Program and I believe, to the best of my knowledge, that I can meet each of these standards with certain reasonable and appropriate accommodation(s). I will contact the MidAmerica Nazarene University ADA Representative and the Program Director to determine what accommodation(s) may be available to me and provide all documentation necessary to substantiate my request for accommodation(s). I understand that if I am unable to meet these standards with or without reasonable and appropriate accommodation(s), I will not be admitted into the MNU Athletic Training Program.

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MNU Athletic Training Student Name                      Date

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MNU Athletic Training Student Signature

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