

## *Technical Standards Signature Form*

### The University of Southern Mississippi Athletic Training Program

#### **Technical Standards for Participation**

The AT Program at The University of Southern Mississippi is a demanding and concentrated program that places detailed and specific requirements on the students enrolled in the program. An objective of this program is to prepare graduates for entry-level employment in 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 AT 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 Athletic Training Education [CAATE]). The following abilities and expectations must be met by all students participating in the AT Program. The AT Program technical standards are also available on the Southern Miss AT Program website.

Compliance with the technical standards does not guarantee students' eligibility for the Board of Certification (BOC) exam.

Candidates for selection to the Southern Miss AT 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 of patients.
3. The ability to record physical examination results and a treatment plan clearly and accurately.
4. Accurately, safely and efficiently use equipment and materials during the assessment and treatment of patients.
5. 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.
6. The capacity to maintain composure and continue to function well during periods of high stress.

7. The perseverance, diligence and commitment to complete the AT Program as outlined and sequenced. This includes reporting to campus on or about August 1st each year for orientation and to begin your clinical experience. This also includes a minimum of 935 hours of work in the clinical experience. The clinical experience may include work during early mornings, late evenings, weekends and time outside of the academic calendar.
8. Flexibility and the ability to adjust to changing situations and uncertainty in clinical situations
9. Affective skills and appropriate demeanor and rapport that relate to professional education and quality patient care.

Candidates for selection to the AT Program are required to verify that they understand these technical standards and believe to the best of their knowledge that they can meet each of these standards.

I certify that I have read and understand the technical standards for Athletic Training listed previously.

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Student Signature

Date

### **\*ADA Syllabus Statement**

If a student has a disability that qualifies under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and requires accommodations, he/she should contact the Office for Disability Accommodations (ODA) for information on appropriate policies and procedures. Disabilities covered by ADA may include learning, psychiatric, physical disabilities, or chronic health disorders. Students can contact ODA if they are not certain whether a medical condition/disability qualifies.

Address:

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118 College Drive # 8586  
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Individuals with hearing impairments can contact ODA using the *Mississippi Relay Service* at 1-800-582-2233 (TTY).