

**ALFRED UNIVERSITY  
DIVISION OF HEALTH AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE  
ATHLETIC TRAINING DEPARTMENT**

**Technical Standards for Admission**

The Athletic Training Program (ATP) at Alfred University is an extremely rigorous and intense program that places specific requirements and demands, both mentally and physically, on the students enrolled in the program. An objective of this academic program is to prepare graduates to enter a variety of employment settings and to render care to a wide range of athletes and individuals engaged in physical activity. The technical standards set forth by the ATP establish the essential qualities deemed necessary for students admitted to this program to achieve the knowledge, skills, educational competencies, and clinical proficiencies 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 standards listed below, with or without reasonable accommodation.

**Please note:** Compliance with the technical standards of the program *does not* guarantee a student's eligibility to sit for the BOC certification exam.

**Candidates for selection to the Athletic Training Program must demonstrate:**

1. The ability 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 student-athletes.
3. The ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with student-athletes and colleagues, including individuals from different cultural and social backgrounds. This includes, but is not limited to, the ability to establish rapport with student-athletes and communicate judgments and treatment information effectively. Students must be able to understand, speak, and write the English language at a level consistent with competent professional practice.
4. The ability to record 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 outlined and sequenced.
7. Flexibility, emotional stability, and professionalism 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 care.
9. The responsibility and accountability to attend clinical experiences as assigned by a Preceptor or including, but not limited to practice and game coverage, in addition to other responsibilities based on athletic training course requirements.

Candidates for selection to the Athletic Training Program will be required to verify they understand and meet the standards. Students who believe they need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program may contact Liz Shea in the Center for Academic Success (CAS). This office may be contacted by email at [cas@alfred.edu](mailto:cas@alfred.edu) or by phone at 607-871-2153. Please keep in mind that some accommodations may take time to implement, so students seeking accommodations are encouraged to contact CAS as early as possible. Please be advised that accommodations that jeopardize clinician/student-athlete safety, or the educational process of the student or the institution, including all coursework, clinical experiences, and internships deemed essential to graduation are considered unreasonable under applicable laws.

I acknowledge reading the technical standard for admission to the Alfred University ATP. I have been provided the opportunity to ask questions regarding this document. By signing this document I indicate that I am able to meet the requirements outlined within this document. If at any time my health status changes and accommodations are needed or I am unable to meet the demands of the program with or

without accommodations, I will notify the program immediately. Failure to notify the program of changes could result in the student not satisfying graduation requirements.

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Athletic Training Student Signature

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Date

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Athletic Training Student Name (Print)

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ATP Program Director Signature

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Date