

**METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER**  
**Department of Human Performance Sport**  
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**Technical Standards for Continuation in the Athletic Training Education Program**

The Athletic Training Program at Metropolitan State University of Denver is a rigorous and intense program that places specific requirements and demands on the student enrolled in the program. 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 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 Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). All students admitted to the Athletic Training Education Program must meet the following abilities and expectations during the entire time period that they are enrolled in the MSU Denver ATP.

1. The mental capacity to assimilate, analyze, synthesize, and integrate concepts and problem solving 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 education program as outlined 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.

According to CAATE Standard #65:

“Students must read and sign the technical standards and are required to update their signature if their health status changes. Students who require accommodation to meet the technical standards must obtain verification by a physician or appropriate institution disability officer as defined by sponsoring institution policy that proper accommodation has been provided for the student to meet the standard.” If you feel you do not meet these technical standards and cannot sign this form in good faith, you must meet with the ATP Director or Clinical Education Coordinator to discuss possible accommodations.

I certify that I have read and understand the technical standards listed above, and I believe, to the best of my knowledge, that I can meet each of these standards.

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Student Name (Printed)

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Student Signature

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Date