

# SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ATHLETIC TRAINING

### TECHNICAL STANDARDS

Upon formal admission to the athletic training graduate program, the applicant is required to confirm the ability to meet the Technical Standards of the program.

The athletic training graduate program at Slippery Rock University is a rigorous and intense program that places specific requirements and demands on the students 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 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 (CAATE). All students must meet the following abilities and expectations. In the event a student is unable to fulfill these technical standards the student will not be admitted to the program.

Compliance with the program's technical standards does not guarantee a student's eligibility for the Board of Certification credentialing examination.

#### **Candidates for selection to the Athletic Training Graduate 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 examination using accepted techniques; and accurately, safely and efficiently use equipment and materials during assessments and the 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 with English language at a level consistent with competent professional practice.
4. The ability to record the physical examination results and 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 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 admitted to the athletic training graduate program will be required to verify that they understand and meet these technical standards. Candidates must also verify that they have received all OSHA required immunizations before matriculating through the professional strand of athletic training graduate program. All athletic training graduate students are required to have a physical examination upon admittance into graduate coursework for the program. Students are required to pass a physical examination, which must be documented using the SRU pre-participation examination form. This will be done to ensure that each student's physical and mental health will permit him or her to meet the established technical standards. The Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity will evaluate a student who states that he/she cannot meet the program's technical standards as outlined in the Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity policies.