

**FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE ATHLETIC TRAINING EDUCATION PROGRAM (FSCATEP)
TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR ADMISSIONS**

The FSCATEP 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 ATEP 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 for Accreditation of Athletic Training Education [CAATE]). The following abilities and expectations must be met by all students admitted to the Athletic Training Educational Program. 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 BOC certification exam.

Candidates for selection to the ATEP 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 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.

Candidates for selection to the athletic training education program will be required to verify they understand and meet these technical standards or they believe, with certain accommodations, they can meet the standards. The Academic Support Office will evaluate a student who states he/she could meet the program's technical standards with accommodation and confirm that the stated condition qualifies as a disability under applicable laws. If a student states he/she can meet the technical standards with accommodation, then the College will determine whether it agrees that the student can meet the technical standards with reasonable accommodation; this includes a review whether the accommodations requested are reasonable, taking into account whether the accommodations 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.

I certify that I have read and understand the technical standards for the selection listed above, and I believe to the best of my knowledge that I meet each of these standards without accommodation. I understand that if I am unable to meet these standards I will not be admitted into the program.

Signature of Applicant
Athletic Training Student

Date

Alternative statement for students requesting accommodations.

I certify that I have read and understand the technical standards of selection listed above and I believe to the best of my knowledge that I can meet each of these standards with certain accommodations. I will contact the Academic Support Office to determine what accommodations may be available. I understand that if I am unable to meet these standards with or without accommodations, I will not be admitted into the program.

Signature of Applicant
Athletic Training Student

Date

This ATEP Technical Standards for Admissions Packet including the signed memorandum by the physician, and the signed and completed physical examination and immunization record, will be kept confidential and secured. A copy of the general form is located in the Florida Southern College Athletic Training Education Program Athletic Training Student Manual and on the FSC ATP Website. This ATEP Technical Standards for Admission Packet, along with the physical examination and immunization record form, and physician memorandum will be provided to you upon your admission into the program with your acceptance letter. **These documents must be completed prior to your arrival on campus fall semester.** A statement regarding the technical standards can be found in the FSCATEP ATS Manual, FSC Academic Catalog, and FSCATEP Athletic Training Major Bachelor of Science Degree Check Sheet, and FSC website (<http://www.flsouthern.edu/academics/physed/atrainning/index.htm>)

**FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE ATHLETIC TRAINING EDUCATION PROGRAM (FSC ATEP)
PHYSICIAN FORM**

The physical examination must be completed and signed by a physician along with the release form by the physician stating that you, _____, are able to perform the typical skills needed to complete essential skills and tasks.

Examples of Typical Skills Needed to Complete Essential Tasks

- Students typically sit for 2-6 hours daily in the classroom, stand for 1-2 hours daily at practice and must be able to ambulate approximately 10 yards indoor or outdoor over rough terrain.
- Students frequently lift less than 10 pounds and occasionally lift between 10-20 lbs. overhead.
- Students occasionally carry up to 25-30 lbs. while walking up to 10-20 feet.
- Students frequently exert 25 pounds of push/pull forces to objects up to 50 feet.
- Students frequently twist, bend, stoop and kneel on the floor up to 15 minutes.
- Students frequently move from place to place and position to position and must do so at a speed that permits safe handling of classmates and injured athletes.
- Students frequently stand and walk while providing support to an injured athlete.
- Students frequently coordinate verbal and manual activities with gross motor activities.
- Students use auditory, tactile, and visual senses to receive classroom instruction and to evaluate and treat injured athletes.
- Students often work within an electrical field.
- Students will need to have 20/40 vision (or corrected to) to view activities.
- Students frequently need basic neurological function to perceive hot, cold, change in contour of surface/body part.
- Students need to possess the ability to make and execute quick, appropriate and accurate decisions in a stressful environment.

This section is to be completed by physician indicating the applicant meets the Florida Southern College Athletic Training Educational Program Technical Standards. Also included is the Florida Southern College Health Center Physical Examination and Immunization Form. Please complete the following information in regards to the participation of this athletic training student in our Athletic Training Program.

_____ Athletic Training Student Name

_____ Admission and/or continuation in the Florida Southern College Athletic Training Education Program.	
_____ Physician Signature	Date _____

_____ Admission and/or continuation in the Florida Southern College Athletic Training Education Program.	
_____ Physician Signature	Date _____

**FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE
STUDENT HEALTH CENTER
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND IMMUNIZATION RECORD**

Enclosed is the Florida Southern College Student Health Center Physical Examination Form and Immunization Record. This form must be completed and on file when entering Florida Southern College. The information on this form will also be utilized for the Florida Southern College Athletic Training Educational Program. The immunization records will be needed to meet requirements set by several of our clinical education sites.

We highly recommend you have the series of **Hepatitis B** vaccines before entering the Florida Southern College Athletic Training Educational Program. As you prepare for a career in an allied health profession, you will be in clinical situations every semester in the Athletic Training Educational Program. All allied health and medical professionals are advised to get the Hepatitis B vaccine to protect themselves and their patients.

A **TB** test is required by many of the medical facilities. We advise you to have a TB test prior to entering Florida Southern College.

