

Indiana Wesleyan University Athletic Training Athletic Training Program – Technical Standards for Admittance*

The Athletic Training Program at Indiana Wesleyan University is a rigorous and intense program that places specific requirements and demands on each athletic training student enrolled in our program. Our main objective is to prepare graduates to enter various employment settings and to render care to a wide range of individuals engaged in physical activity. The technical standards set forth by the IWU Athletic Training Program establish the qualities necessary for athletic training students admitted to this program to achieve the knowledge, skills, and competencies of an entry-level certified athletic trainer, as well as to meet the expectations of the programs accrediting agency (Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education [CAATE]). All athletic training students applying to the IWU Athletic Training Program (ATP) must meet the following standards and expectations in order to gain acceptance into our program. In the event an athletic training student is unable to fulfill these technical standards, with or without reasonable accommodation, the athletic training student will not be admitted into our program. Compliance with our program's technical standards does not guarantee an athletic training student's eligibility for the BOC certification exam.

Candidates for the IWU Athletic Training 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 to 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 to effectively communicate judgments and treatment information;
4. The ability to clearly and accurately record the physical examination results and a treatment plan;
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 ability to adjust to changing situations and uncertainty in clinical situations; and
8. Affective skills and appropriate demeanor and rapport that relate to professional education standards and quality patient care.

Candidates for the IWU Athletic Training Program will be required to verify that they understand and meet these technical standards or that they believe that they can meet the standards with certain accommodations. The Center for Student Success will evaluate an athletic training student who states that he/she could meet our program's technical standards with accommodation and confirm that the stated condition qualifies as a disability under applicable laws. The CSS does require an interview with the Director of Disability Services and appropriate documentation for the qualifying disability.

If an athletic training student requests accommodation, then the IWU athletic training faculty with guidance from the Director of Disability Services will determine whether they agree that the athletic training student can meet the technical standards with reasonable accommodation. This process includes a review of whether the accommodation requested is reasonable; whether the accommodation would jeopardize clinician/patient safety; and the educational process of the student or the institution, including all coursework, clinical education and clinical exposure experiences, and internships/rotations deemed essential to the program.

I certify that I have read and understand the technical standards for athletic training student selection listed above, and I believe that I meet each of these standards without accommodation. I understand that if I am unable to meet these standards with or without accommodations, I will not be admitted into the IWU Athletic Training Program.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Alternative statement for students requesting accommodations

I certify that I have read and understand the technical standards of athletic training student selection listed above and I believe to the best of my knowledge that I meet each of these standards with certain accommodation. I will contact the Center for Student Success 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 IWU Athletic Training Program.

Signature of Applicant

Date

*Adapted from the sample document produced by the NATA.