ATHLETIC TRAINING
CAATE Accredited ATHLETIC TRAINING EDUCATION PROGRAM

Technical Standards
Athletic Training Program
Central College

A Bachelors Degree in Athletic Training signifies that the holder bears the background required to become qualified as a clinician prepared to enter into the practice of athletic training within a variety of employment and educational settings. It follows that graduates must have the knowledge and skills to function in a broad variety of clinical situations and to render a wide spectrum of patient care. Therefore all students admitted to the Athletic Training Education Program must meet the following abilities and expectations. Applicants who may not meet these technical standards are encouraged to contact the Athletic Training Education Program Director, Kuyper Athletic Complex 117A, ext. 5132 and Nancy Kroese, Director of Student Support Services and Disabilities Services Coordinator, ext. 5247, prior to completing the application so that accommodations may be discussed.

1. Candidates must be able to observe demonstrations and experiments in the basic sciences.
2. Candidates must be able to learn to analyze, synthesize, solve problems and reach assessment and therapeutic judgments.
3. Candidates must have sufficient use of the senses of vision, hearing and the somatic sensation necessary to perform palpation.
4. Candidates must be able to relate reasonably to athletes and the physically active and to establish sensitive, professional relationships with them.
5. Candidates are expected to be able to communicate the results of the assessment of the injured or ill athlete to responsible officials (coaches), parents or guardians and to colleagues with accuracy, clarity and efficiency.
6. Candidates are expected to learn and perform routine prevention, assessment, emergency care and therapeutic procedures.
7. Candidates are expected to be able to display good judgment in the assessment and treatment of injured or ill athletes and physically active individuals.
8. Candidates must be able to learn to respond with precise, quick and appropriate action in emergency situations.
9. Candidates are expected to be able to accept criticism and respond by appropriate modification of behavior.
10. Candidates are expected to possess the perseverance, diligence, and consistency to complete the exercise science/athletic training major as outlined.
11. Candidates are expected to begin the BOC certification process within the year of program completion.
Additionally:

The Athletic Training Educational Program at Central College 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 Athletic Training Educational 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 (Committee on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education programs [CAATE]). All students admitted to the Athletic Training Educational Program must meet and be able to follow the expectations. 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 Athletic Training Educational 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 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 perseverance, diligence and commitment to complete the athletic training education program as outlined and sequenced.
6. Flexibility and the ability to adjust to changing situations and uncertainty in clinical situations.
7. Affective skills and appropriate demeanor and rapport that relate to professional education and quality patient care.

Central College 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 of whether the accommodations requested are reasonable. It will take into account whether accommodation 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.

SIGN IN THE BOX THAT BEST DESCRIBES YOUR COMPLIANCE WITH THE TECHNICAL STANDARDS

I certify that I have read and understand the technical standards for 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.
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 Director of the ATEP and the director of student support services at Central College 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

Date