The University of New Mexico Athletic Training Education Program (UNM-Arpet) is an intense program that places specific educational and clinical requirements on the students enrolled in the program. Upon enrollment into this program, students are prepared to enter a variety of athletic training employment settings by achieving the skills, competencies, and knowledge of an entry level athletic trainer. The following technical standards set forth by the UNM-Arpet define the essential qualities necessary for students who are considering admission into the program. These standards are in compliance with the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE).

Candidates for admission and retention in UNM-Arpet must demonstrate:

1. The ability to communicate effectively with patients, colleagues, and instructors. This includes individuals of different social, cultural, and religious backgrounds
2. Students must be able to speak and comprehend the English language at a level capable of communicating in a professional manner while within the health care environment
3. Adequate postural, neuromuscular control, sensory function, and coordination to accurately, and safely perform accepted evaluation techniques
4. The mental capacity to analyze, assimilate, problem solve, and integrate concepts essential to the practice of athletic training
5. The ability to accurately and efficiently document treatments, rehabilitations, and evaluations
6. Affective skills and appropriate conduct that relate to professional education, and superior patient care
7. The capacity to maintain composure and continue to function well during periods of high stress and demands
8. The perseverance, diligence, and commitment to successfully complete the UNM-Arpet as outlined by the UNM-Arpet: Athletic Training Student Handbook.

Candidates for selection into the UNM-Arpet are required to verify that they understand and are able to meet the above technical standards, or that they believe that with certain accommodations they can meet these standards.

If a student states that he or she can meet these standards with accommodations, the UNM Accessibility Resource Center will confirm their need and will work with UNM-Arpet Faculty to identify reasonable accommodations. Accommodations must not in any way jeopardize patient and/or student safety. However, the student must be able to complete all coursework and perform the clinical competencies and proficiencies necessary for graduation from the UNM-Arpet.