



SCHOOL OF PA STUDIES

MINIMUM TECHNICAL STANDARDS (A3.13e, A3.17a)

The following minimum technical standards defined by the program must be met by all accepted students and maintained throughout the program. All accepted students must meet the minimum technical standards to enroll, and enrolled students must continue to meet the technical standards while enrolled. Students are solely responsible for meeting and maintaining the minimum technical standards.

General

- Students must be able to participate in *all* learning activities, assessments, and settings (classroom, laboratory, and clinical settings).
- Students may from time to time be exposed to contagious illnesses, various body fluids, noxious chemicals, latex, radiation, and toxic substances, and must therefore be generally healthy and able to function in these environments.

Strength and Endurance

- Students must be able to endure 8 or more hours a day of prolonged sitting (classroom), standing (clinical setting), and/or bending (operating room or procedures).
- Students must be generally fit, coordinated, and able to participate in training and patient care activities.
- Students must be able to occasionally lift over 50lbs and exert physical strength and endurance for prolonged periods of time.

Intellectual Abilities

- Students must possess the intellectual, conceptual, integrative, and quantitative capabilities required to complete the full curriculum and achieve the competencies delineated by the Program and the PA profession.
- Students must be able to problem-solve complex issues.
- Students must be able to think quickly and make decisions quickly.
- Students must be able to use judgment, analyze and synthesize information.
- Students must be able to comprehend three dimensional and spatial relationships of structures.

Communication Skills

- Students must be able to hear and listen to lectures, verbal instructions, and electronic audio.
- Students must be able to speak English clearly to instructors, patients, and others.
- Students must be able to hear and listen to the spoken English language and its several dialects.
- Students must be able to interpret tone, body language, facial expressions, moods, and other non-verbal communication.
- Students must be able to read and write efficiently in the English language.

Observation and Auditory and Visual Abilities

- Students must have a functional visual acuity with color discrimination and depth perception to read, observe, communicate, and perform all tasks and components of the PA profession.
- Students must be able to hear voice and sounds in quiet and loud settings.
- Students must be able to combine vision and hearing to observe, communicate and perform all tasks and components of the PA profession.

Visual acuity and auditory function corrected to meet the minimum technical standards is acceptable.

Sensory and Motor Skills

- Students must possess sufficient sensory and motor function to use palpation (touch, pressure, temperature discrimination), auscultation (auditory), percussion (combination of touch and auditory), and proprioception (position, stereognosis, vibration, movement).
- Student must have gross and fine motor skills to perform procedures, prevent injury, provide treatment, and reduce risk.

Interpersonal Abilities

- Students must be able to manage high stress situations while maintaining full intellectual abilities.
- Students must be able to develop mature, sensitive, and effective relationships with classmates, faculty, staff, all members of the health care team, and patients and their families.
- Students must be able to recognize one's own emotional state and the emotional states of others.
- Students must be able to manage personal emotions in positive ways to relieve stress, communicate effectively, empathize with others, overcome challenges, and diffuse conflict.

Computer Technology Skills

- Students must be able to utilize computerized information technology to access learning management systems, participate in computerized testing, conduct research, prepare multimedia presentations, access online medical information, and review and enter data in electronic medical records.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the SNU PA Program’s Minimum Technical Standards for Enrollment and Progression. I attest that I meet each of these standards. I understand that should I need accommodation(s) to meet the standards, it is my responsibility to meet with the University ADA office prior to enrollment to determine if accommodation is available. I also acknowledge that certain accommodations may not be available due to the rigor and functional requirements of the PA training program and Profession.

I further acknowledge that I am required to independently demonstrate these technical standards continuously while enrolled in the Program and I understand that I will be required to acknowledge that I meet these technical standards again prior to beginning Supervised Clinical Practice Experiences (SCPEs) in the Clinical Phase.

I also understand that I am required to submit a Medical Clearance Form, completed by a licensed health care provider, confirming whether I meet the Minimum Technical Standards. I further acknowledge that I must notify the PA Program Director as soon as possible if there is any change in my ability to meet the Minimum Technical Standards for Enrollment and Progression.

Student Name (print legibly)

Student Signature

Date