

Western Technical College

Health & Public Safety Division

Technical Standards Criteria

It is the intent of Western Technical College to fully comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1974 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.

In order to assist students to successfully complete our programs, Western Technical College has developed a set of objective technical standards criteria. Students will be asked to review the technical standards for the program of choice, and then sign a form stating whether or not they are able to meet the technical standard abilities, with or without accommodations, as stated in this document. **If a student enters a program with falsification of records related to their ability to meet these requirements, he/she may face disciplinary action.** All documents will be kept on file with the College.

For students with a disability, reasonable accommodations are available. Reasonable accommodations allow individuals with disabilities to gain equal access and have equal opportunities to participate in Western Technical College courses, services, activities, and use of the facilities. An accommodation is not reasonable if it poses a direct threat to the health or safety of self and/or others, if making it requires a substantial modification in an essential element of the curriculum/clinical site, if it lowers academic standards, or poses an undue administrative or financial burden. To be eligible for disability-related services/accommodations, students must have a documented disability. This documentation must be provided by a licensed professional, qualified in the appropriate specialty area.

In accordance with ADA and Section 504 requirements, accommodation requests require the approval of Western's Access and Language Services. All requests for special accommodations must be approved as soon as possible. In some programs, accommodations must be approved by an outside agency or clinical site. Delays in beginning a course/program may occur while this process is arranged. The prospective student must provide documented proof of the need for the special accommodation.

Accommodations allowed, without disability documentation: supportive back brace or other supportive brace that does not impede required movement or interfere with infection control policies, hearing aids, glasses, and/or contacts. Other student-suggested accommodations will require the approval of the Access and Language Services Manager.

If you are a person with a documented disability and would like to request accommodations, please contact Kris Follansbee, Manager of Access and Language Services at accessservices@westerntc.edu or (608) 785-9875. It is recommended that you contact Kris at least three weeks prior to the start of the course so an accommodation plan can be made. However, programs with clinical components may take longer than three weeks for accommodations to be in place.

The following is a list of Technical Standards the student must have in order to participate in the *CRIMINAL JUSTICE* at Western Technical College.

1. Illustrate the interrelationships of the three core components of the criminal justice program.
2. Analyze situational responses.
3. Apply communications skills as a criminal justice professional.
4. Conduct investigations.
5. Examine professional code of ethics for a criminal justice practitioner.
6. Explore personal wellness strategies for the criminal justice professions.
7. Explain the role of criminal justice professionals working with diverse populations.

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Statement of Understanding**

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. & 12101 *et seq.*) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. & 794) prohibits discrimination of persons because of his/her disability. In keeping with these laws, colleges of the Wisconsin Technical College System make every effort to ensure a quality education for students. The purpose of this document is to ensure that students acknowledge that they have been provided information on the Technical Standards required of a student in the chosen program.

Please complete this form and return to Admissions.

_____ I have read, understand, and can meet the *Technical Standards Criteria*
(initials/date) specific to a student in the *Criminal Justice Program*.

_____ I am unable to meet the Technical Standards Criteria presented and am
(initials/date) requesting accommodations at this time (*Please complete and submit the Accommodation Request Form to Access and Language Services.*)

_____ I understand that I must meet with Western's Access and Language Services to
(initials/date) arrange for any accommodations prior to class start.

Name of Student (please print)

Student ID#, SS#, or DOB

Signature of Student

Date

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