Introduction to Massage Therapy Certificate

Two Programs to Obtain Massage Therapy Certificate

UNM-Taos is excited to present an Integrative Massage Therapy Program designed for students seeking an opportunity to become a licensed massage therapist in the State of New Mexico. The program’s mission is to offer an integrative and holistic approach to massage therapy while gaining a strong basic knowledge and experience so that upon graduation and successful completion of the program you can obtain your license to practice massage therapy. We are offering a basic program of 650 hours and an advanced certificate of 1000 hours. UNM-Taos is dedicated to guiding you through process so you will be prepared to successfully take the National Exam for Massage Therapy (NCE) or MBLEX and aid in obtaining employment as a massage therapist.

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Prospective candidates for the Massage Therapy Program must be 18 years of age and have a High School Diploma or the equivalent. Candidates should submit completed applications one month prior to the start of Fall Semester. The deadline for submission is July 15, 2011. Candidates’ applications will be reviewed by the Director who will schedule interviews with the candidates. Candidates will be informed in person or by phone of their acceptance to the program. A letter of acceptance or denial will be mailed within two weeks of the interview.

PROGRAMS
650 Contact Hours
The 650 Certificate will allow the graduate to meet the basic requirements necessary to obtain State of New Mexico Massage License.

1000 Contact Hours
This certificate is designed for the candidate who would like to obtain more skills as a massage therapist in the healing arts. Candidate must complete 650 hour program and an additional 350 hours to complete Holistic Health & Healing Arts Certificate.

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LOCATION
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TUITION
A Program Fee of $1000 will begin on January 1, 2012 which will apply to new students. Previously enrolled students will be held to previous tuition standards. Additionally student pay $71 per credit hour and a $25 lab fee per class. The 650 Contact Hour program cost $3,124 for tuition for 44 credit hours, lab fees varies depending on how the student selects electives and the Program Fee of $1,000. The 1000 Contact Hour program requires an additional 18 credit hours of tuition totaling $1,278. Books and supplies are kept at a minimal investment of not more than $500. Fees are subject to change due to change in tuition rates by UNM-Taos.

COURSES OFFERED TO COMPLETE CERTIFICATION
Required:

Choose one track of A&P

• Massage Anatomy & Physiology (3 credits) and Myofascial Myoskeletal (3 credits) or
• Human Anatomy & Physiology I /Lab Health Sciences 4 credits and Human Anatomy & Physiology II /Lab Health Sciences 4 credits (Requires prerequisites of Biol 123/124: L or Biol 260 and Chem 111)
• Exercise Physiology 3 credits
• Introduction to Massage 3 credits
• Massage Therapy I 3 credits
• Massage Therapy II 3 credits
• Massage Therapy III 3 credits
• Cultural Diversity Competency & Cross Cultural Ethical Issues 3 credits
• Deep Tissue Techniques in Massage Therapy I 3 credits
• Clinical Practicum in Massage Therapy 6 credits
• Oriental Medicine: An Introduction 3 credits or Advanced Hands-On Techniques in Oriental Medicine 3 credits

Electives (6-9 credits for 650 program and 24 credits for 1000 program):
• Myofascial and Myoskeletal Techniques in Massage Therapy 3 credits
• Traditional Healing & Touch 3 credits
• Balinese Traditional Massage 1-3 credits
• Thai Massage 1-3 credits
• Thai Massage 1-3 credits
• Herbology 3 credits
• Hatha, Kundalini, Svastha or Myofascial Yoga 3 credits
• Introduction to Healing Arts 3 credits
• Ayurveda 1-3 credits
• Meditation, Consciousness and Self-Healing 3 credits
• Tai Ji and Qi Gong 3 credits
• Holistic Health/Emotional Healing 3 credits
• Nutrition 3 credits
• Cranial Sacral I and II 1-3 credits
• Hot Rocks 1-3 credits
• Myofascial Yoga 1-3 credits

GRADING PROCEDURES
Students will be subject to a grade point system and must successfully complete the required course work as outlined in the course syllabus for each course.

DRAPING PROCEDURES
All students will be trained in professional draping techniques to protect the modesty of the client. Clients will have a choice to undress to their comfort level. Only part of the body being massaged will be undraped during a massage therapy session. Otherwise the client is fully draped. Failure to follow draping procedures may be cause for dismissal from the program. Basic hand washing technique and hygiene of students must be followed.

ATTENDANCE POLICY
Students will be subject to UNM-Taos attendance policies. A student with more than 3 contact hours as absences in a course may be dropped from the course by the instructor. Make up is allowed and students have to enrolled in a 1 credit hour make up course.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Students will be allowed to take a leave of absence from the program for life emergencies. They will be subject to UNM-Taos policies.

LENGTH OF COMPLETION
From time of acceptance to completion of the program students will be allowed up to four years to complete necessary course work. If more time is required—student must submit a letter of request with the Program Coordinator for approval and a guidance meeting.

DRESS CODE
Students will be expected to come to class clean and presentable for professional massage.

STUDENT COMPLAINT POLICY
Students will be subject to UNM-Taos policies. Please initially contact Instructor. If the issue is not resolved contact the Program Coordinator, to resolve issues. Every attempt will be made to resolve student issues.

TRANSFER CREDIT POLICY
Students may apply to transfer credits from other Massage Therapy programs. Students will be required to provide a transcript and submit a formal application to transfer credit. Program Coordinator will review the transcript provided and determine if courses successfully completed meet UNM-Taos guidelines.

PARTIAL TRAINING POLICY
Students will be allowed to complete partial training with our program. To receive a certificate of completion for the 650 or 1000 hour program the student must submit a transfer of credit application and provide necessary documentation.

READMISSION POLICY
If a student withdraws from the program, an exit interview will be conducted. Student may reapply to the program by interviewing with the Program Coordinator.

CLINIC PRACTICUM POLICY
“Clinical practicum” means that a student is providing hands-on massage therapy to members of the public under the supervision of a registered massage therapy instructor. That instructor must be physically present on the premises for advice and assistance. The student must be enrolled at a registered massage therapy school or being trained by a registered massage therapy instructor. Clinical practicum does not include classroom practice.

“Student” means an individual currently enrolled in and/or attending class(es) at a Massage Therapy Program under the jurisdiction of the New Mexico State Board of Massage Therapy.

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WHAT ARE THE MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE?

The minimum educational requirements are as follows:

- 165 hours of Anatomy and Physiology (to include kinesiology and pathology)
- 150 hours of Massage Therapy instruction (to include contraindications)
- 75 hours of General Instruction (to include: hydrotherapy, business, professional ethics, 30 hours, first aid (min. 4 hours), and current CPR (min. 4 hours); and
- 260 hours of electives (limited to a maximum of 150 hours clinical practicum)

16.7.4.9 LICENSURE EXEMPTIONS:
The following are exempted from licensure by the board pursuant to Section 61-12C-5.1 of the Massage Therapy Practice Act.

A. Other professionals licensed in or regulated by another New Mexico licensing board or agency for rendering services within the scope of their authorizing law or regulation, provided they do not represent themselves as massage therapists.

B. Massage therapy students who are rendering massage therapy services within the course of study of a registered massage therapy school or under the supervision of a registered massage therapy instructor.

C. Massage therapy instructors visiting New Mexico who have met the requirements set forth in 16.7.6.11 NMAC.

D. Sobadores; Hispanic traditional healers; Native American healers; reflexologists whose practices are limited to hands, feet, and ears; practitioners of polarity, Trager approach, Feldenkrais method, craniosacral therapy, Rolfing structural integration, reiki, ortho-bionomy or chi gung; or practitioners of healing modalities not listed in this subsection who do not manipulate the soft tissues for therapeutic purposes from practicing those skills. However, if any of these persons applies for and is granted a license pursuant to the Massage Therapy Practice Act, that person shall comply with all licensure requirements and be subject to the provisions of the boards’ statute and regulations.

GENERAL PROVISIONS:

A. Students not yet licensed may not charge for massage therapy services.

1. Students may accept voluntary unsolicited tips, gratuities or donations.

2. Students may not suggest either verbally or in writing, amounts of tips, gratuities or donations.

B. Students may distribute identification cards which must include the school’s name, address, and phone number; the student’s name, and the word “student”.

C. Student Complaints:

1. Complaints concerning the registered Massage Therapy School, instructor(s), and/or other student(s) should first be addressed through the registered massage therapy school’s complaint policy.

2. If the school does not resolve the complaint adequately, or in extreme circumstances, a complaint may be brought before the Board in accordance with 16.7.14.8 NMAC.

D. Students will comply with 16.7.2 NMAC, professional conduct.

CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT:

A. Competence:

1. Each licensee will limit practice and instruction to the areas of competence in which proficiency has been gained through education, training, and/or experience and refer clients to other health professionals when appropriate.

2. The licensee will acknowledge the limitations of and contraindications to massage therapy and will not encourage unnecessary or unjustified treatment.

3. Each licensee will not delegate professional responsibilities to a person who is not qualified or licensed to perform them.

B. Dual Relationship: It is presumed that a power imbalance exists in professional relationships between licensees and clients. Therefore each licensee, in interacting with a client or former client to whom the licensee has at anytime within the previous three (3) months rendered massage therapy services or instruction, shall not

1. Engage in any verbally or physically abusive behavior; or

2. Engage in sexual conduct; or

3. Take unfair advantage of the client for financial gain.

C. Client Welfare:

1. Licensees will conduct their business and professional activities with honesty and integrity.

2. Each licensee shall obtain prior informed consent of the client regarding draping and treatment to ensure the safety, comfort and privacy of the client.

3. Each licensee will provide privacy for the client while the client is dressing or undressing.

4. Each licensee will modify or terminate treatment at the client’s request, regardless of prior consent.

5. Each licensee may refuse to treat any person or part of the body for

6. Each licensee will not undertake or continue treatment with a client when the licensee is impaired due to mental, emotional or physiologic conditions including substance or alcohol abuse.

7. Each licensee will maintain clean equipment, linens, clothing and work areas.
D. Confidentiality of Clients: Each licensee shall safeguard confidential information of the client, unless disclosure is required by law, court order, authorized by the client or absolutely necessary for the protection of the public.

E. Representation of Services:

(1) Each licensee shall disclose to the client the schedule of fees for services prior to treatment.

(2) Each licensee shall not misrepresent directly or by implication his/her professional qualifications such as type of licensure, education, experience, or areas of competence.

(3) Each licensee shall not falsify professional records.

(4) Each licensee will include in any advertisement for massage:

   (a) his/her full name as licensed with the Board and license number; and

   (b) the designation or abbreviation as a "licensed massage therapist" or "LMT"; "registered massage therapy instructor" or "RMTI"; and "registered massage therapy school" or "RMTS".

(5) When offering gratuitous services or discounts in connection with professional services, each licensee must clearly and conspicuously state whether or not additional charges may be incurred by related services and the possible range of such additional charges.

(6) Each licensee will not advertise massage therapy services or instruction, which contains:

   (a) a false, fraudulent, misleading, deceptive statement; or

   (b) suggestion of sexual stimulation.

F. Violation of the Law:

(1) Each licensee shall not violate any applicable statute or administrative regulation governing the practice of massage therapy.

(2) Each licensee shall not use fraud, misrepresentation, or deception in obtaining a massage therapy license or renewal, in passing a massage therapy licensing examination, in assisting another to obtain a massage therapy license or to pass a massage therapy licensing examination, in providing massage therapy services, or in conducting any other activity related to the practice of massage therapy.

G. Resolving Professional Conduct Issues:

(1) Each licensee has an obligation to be familiar with this Part. Lack of knowledge of Professional Conduct standard is not itself a defense to a charge of unethical conduct.

(2) Each licensee will cooperate with investigations, proceedings, and resulting requirements of this Part. Failure to cooperate is itself an ethics violation.

Advertising as Massage Therapist

Advertising as a Massage Therapist is prohibited even with successful completion of a certificate in massage therapy one can not advertise or practice for monies in the State of New Mexico without successfully obtaining a license to practice and passing the NCETM National Exam. Once you are license you must included your LMT number on all advertising.