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Massage therapy curriculum requirements.

- (A) To qualify to receive a certificate of good standing for a course of instruction in massage therapy, a school's course of instruction shall:
- (1) Consist of both practical and theoretical instruction meeting one of the following requirements:
 - (a) For classes enrolling no later than December 30, 2005, a period of not less than one year and a minimum of six hundred clock hours; or
 - (b) For classes enrolling on and after December 31, 2005, a minimum of seven hundred fifty clock hours ~~covering a period of not less than nine months.~~
 - (2) Beginning with classes enrolling on or after December 31, 2005, teach at least the minimum required hours in the following subjects in dedicated clock hours, as appropriate to massage therapy:
 - (a) Anatomy and physiology; pathology: three hundred twenty-five clock hours;
 - (b) Massage theory and practical, including hygiene: three hundred twenty-five clock hours;
 - (c) Ethics: twenty-five clock hours, at least ten of which shall be in a class dedicated exclusively to ethics. For purposes of this rule, "ethics" shall be defined to include sexual boundary issues and impairment and chemical dependency issues;
 - (d) Business and law: twenty-five hours; and
 - (e) Such other subjects as the board deems necessary and appropriate to massage therapy: fifty clock hours; and
 - (3) Require that each student, prior to completing the course of instruction, perform, on a licensed massage therapist, at least one therapeutic massage. The school shall ensure that the student massage is evaluated as to whether the student demonstrates at least minimally acceptable competency.
- (B) Educational objectives shall be clearly defined and simply stated and shall indicate what the educational program can do for reasonably diligent students.
- (C) The course of instruction shall be outlined in detail showing major subjects and clock hours devoted to each subject, entrance requirements and occupational objectives.

- (D) A limited branch school shall submit for approval on an appropriate form its daily or weekly schedule of instruction. The approved schedule shall be made available whenever requested by the board.

- (E) Students may be given credit for off-site clinical activities. Such credit may not exceed ten per cent of the required clock hours in the theory and practical category of the program. The off-site clinical activities shall be conducted under the direction and on-site supervision of an appropriately licensed practitioner. The school shall be required to enter into a written affiliation agreement with a representative of the facility where the off-site clinical activities are being provided. The student participating in off-site clinical activities shall identify him or herself as a massage therapy student and shall obtain signed acknowledgement of receipt of that notice from the patient.

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Certification

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