

#### 16.7.1.7 DEFINITIONS:

L. "Curriculum means the subject that will be taught, including the knowledge, skills, and abilities as required in the course syllabus that students will acquire from the course.

Y. "Massage therapy instructor" refers to [a school based instructor or an independent instructor who is registered by the board] a person teaching in a registered massage therapy school, a continuing education provider, or a non-continuing education provider approved to teach a continuing education course.

16.7.4.12 NMAC. (1) If more than one massage therapy school was attended, at least one official transcript must document a minimum of 300 class hours of training in massage therapy as defined in 16.7.4.7 NMAC above; (2) Continuing education (CE) or continuing education units (CEU) may be accepted toward the educational requirements for licensure; (3) If official transcripts are not available due to unusual circumstances (example: school closure, destroyed records), the applicant will be responsible to provide satisfactory evidence to the board [that he/she has met the required massage therapy training.] of completion of the required massage therapy training. The board shall consider such documentation on a case-by-case basis. (4) The course titles in the applicant's official transcript must be identical to the course titles submitted on the form A. [16.7.4.11 NMAC - Rp. 16.7.4.11 NMAC xx/xx/2019]

F. If an applicant is missing a core curriculum course or is missing a small portion of the core curriculum to complete the six hundred fifty (650) hour requirement, the applicant may obtain the training course(s) from a [registered independent massage therapy instructor] continuing education provider, or from a massage therapy school that meets the requirements in 16.7.4.13 NMAC.

16.7.5.12 QUALIFICATIONS FOR INSTRUCTORS WITHIN THE MINIMUM CURRICULA: All instructors providing hands-on massage therapy instruction within a registered massage therapy school's minimum curricula shall: A. Hold a valid massage therapist license in New Mexico; B. Have completed at least 50 contact hours of instructional experience of professional teaching or workshop instruction; and C. Have practiced massage therapy for a minimum of two years within the past three years. [16.7.5.12 NMAC - N, xx/xx/2019]

**Comment [KBS1]:** The goal of curriculum is to outline course goals, student learning outcomes and policies for an institution. There is never a guarantee that students will gain knowledge, skill and "abilities" does not seem appropriate language.

Maybe "Curriculum is a document that defines a set of learning goals and policies relevant to a course."

On another note: Maybe Curriculum should just mean the "minimum curricula as defined in the rule."  
"16.7.4.12 MINIMUM [HOURS] CURRICULA

**Comment [KBS2]:** I would delete this last part referring to continuing education providers etc. A massage therapy instructor should be only those in a registered school.

This would eliminate the continued confusion of the boards regulation of instructors vs CE providers.

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**Comment [KBS3]:** This could easily lead to over regulation by the board staff if the courses had one title missing etc. Even though we have an in-state program, since the board is unable to translate credit hours into contact hours, I have to fill out a Form A for all my graduates. There is not enough room on the Form for our titles of courses!!! This would create more delays in our students getting their license. Also, it has been an unfair burden on our program. The transcripts show they are graduates. 1 college credit hour equal 15 contact hours.

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**Comment [KBS4]:** Only schools should be providing foundational training in massage therapy. Continuing educators do not belong here.

**16.7.5.13 SCHOOL DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR INSTRUCTORS WITHIN THE MINIMUM CURRICULA** A. All massage therapy schools shall provide to the board, both in initial applications for registration and as part of each renewal thereafter, a list of all instructors providing hands-on massage therapy instruction within their minimum curricula. B. As part of an initial application for registration and as necessary in each renewal thereafter, a massage therapy school shall submit the following documentation pertaining to all instructors within its minimum curricula: (1) Documentation verifying two years of professional massage therapy experience during the past three years, including a minimum of three of the following documents: (a) income tax forms documenting massage therapy practice; (b) verifiable letters from clients confirming receipt of massage therapy services from the applicant; (c) yellow page advertisement(s) that show dates of the advertisement(s); (d) printed flyers or brochure advertisements including dates; (e) proof of rent or lease of practice location or office space; (f) proof of current association membership; (g) proof of current professional insurance; (h) copies of dated receipts for massage therapy practice-related supplies or furnishings that total a minimum of \$500; (i) verifiable letters from employers; and (j) work log consisting of client's names, addresses and phone numbers, appointment dates, and time periods worked on clients.

16.7.5 NMAC 4 (2) Documentation of completion of 50 contact hours of instructional experience of professional teaching or workshop instruction. C. As part of any application for a renewal of a massage therapy school registration, the applicant shall submit a list of all instructors providing hands-on massage therapy instruction within their minimum curricula. A school shall only submit supporting documentation as to an instructor's qualifications if it has not previously provided such documentation to the board. D. All currently-registered massage therapy schools shall provide documentation to the board as to the qualifications of all instructors providing hands-on massage therapy instruction within their minimum curricula in their next renewal applications. E. The board shall not grant an initial registration or a renewal application for any massage therapy school who fails to submit the necessary documentation related to its instructors within the minimum curricula.

16.7.11.8 GENERAL PROVISIONS: The board does not maintain a list of continuing education providers. The licensee [or registrant] must determine where to obtain the required continuing education. A. [Massage therapy licensees: ]As a condition for license renewal, each massage therapist licensed pursuant to the Massage Therapy Practice Act [will be required to] must complete [sixteen (16)]16 hours of continuing education of which up to eight [(8)] hours can be taken on-line.

16.7.11 NMAC 3C. The board will also accept, towards a licensee's continuing education requirements, a licensee's publication of an article relating to massage therapy in a local, regional, or national publication. No more than twelve (12) hours of continuing education credit shall be granted in any given renewal period for the publication of such an article. The number of continuing education hours shall be determined by the massage therapy board,

**Comment [KBS5]:** This is not appropriate and highly disagree with this addition to the rules. This has never been an effective form for the RMTIs and it will definitely not work for schools.

It would be more effective to continue the practice of having to submit instructor resumes with their current NM license number in the reapplication process. The board could define initial application process that requires some more documentation but I have always found this type of documentation to be invasive of privacy laws and doesn't truly establish the creditability of the potential instructor.

**Comment [KBS6]:** The 50 contact hours should not be required. Schools should be able to develop their own training programs for instructors as the board no longer has authority for massage therapy instructors. This was a rule created for RMTIs not school instructors. It is burdensome and over stepping authority.

**Comment [KBS7]:** We do not currently list our instructors. We submit a resume of instructors.

**Comment [KBS8]:** Again, a resume with current NM license number should be sufficient as is the current practice for application for schools.

**Comment [KBS9]:** Error on on-line document should just say "8".

provided that in the interim the board's staff may grant the continuing education hours to then be ratified at the next regular meeting of the board.

**Comment [KBS10]:** Seem unnecessary to have this for CE. Hardly every utilized.