16.7.5 NMAC

TITLE 16 OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
CHAPTER 7 MASSAGE THERAPISTS
PART 5 REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOLS

16.7.5.1 ISSUING AGENCY: Regulation and Licensing Department, Massage Therapy Board. [12-24-99; 16.7.5.1 NMAC - Rn & A, 16 NMAC 7.5.1, 06-28-01; A, 07-28-05] [P. O. Box 25101 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504]

16.7.5.2 SCOPE: This part applies to applicants for a massage therapy school registration, and to registered massage therapy schools. [12-24-99; 16.7.5.2 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 7.5.2, 06-28-01]

16.7.5.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: This part is adopted pursuant to the Massage Therapy Practice Act, Section 61-12C-8.B, 61-12C-8.F, 61-12C-10. [12-24-99; 16.7.5.3 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 7.5.3, 06-28-01]

16.7.5.4 DURATION: Permanent. [12-24-99; 16.7.5.4 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 7.5.4, 06-28-01]

16.7.5.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: December 24, 1999, unless a later date is cited at the end of section. [12-24-99; 16.7.5.5 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 7.5.5, 06-28-01; A, 07-28-05]

16.7.5.6 OBJECTIVE: This part is to establish the minimum application requirements for massage therapy schools, and to establish the standards for registered massage therapy schools. [12-24-99; 16.7.5.6 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 7.5.6, 06-28-01; A, 07-28-05]

16.7.5.7 DEFINITIONS: [RESERVED] [12-24-99; 16.7.5.7 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 7.5.7, 06-28-01; A, 07-28-05; A, 09-04-09] [Refer to 16.7.1.7 NMAC]

16.7.5.8 REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION: At the time of application the applicant will provide the following information to the board.
A. A completed, legible application for licensure, which must either be typed or printed in black ink. Incomplete applications will not be accepted and will be returned to the applicant for completion.
B. A 650 hour curriculum that must meet the following minimum requirements,
   (1) 165 hours minimum of anatomy and physiology, to include:
       (a) physiology;
       (b) anatomy;
       (c) kinesiology; and
       (d) 40 hours minimum of pathology.
   (2) 150 hours minimum of massage therapy as defined in 16.7.1.7 NMAC.
       (a) Shall include contraindications of massage therapy.
       (b) A minimum of 100 hours of hands on training must be completed before a student may begin clinical practicum, as defined in Subsection G of 16.7.1.7 NMAC.
   (3) 75 hours minimum of general instruction, to include:
       (a) business;
       (b) hydrotherapy;
       (c) first aid - 4 hours;
cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automatic external defibrillator (CPR/AED)

(e) thirty (30) hours minimum of professional ethics.

(4) Electives may include:
(a) additional massage therapy;
(b) related hands-on modalities;
(c) additional anatomy and physiology;
(d) clinical practicum (not to exceed 150 hours);
(e) counseling;
(f) herbology;
(g) homeopathy;
(h) nutrition;
(i) breathing and stretching techniques;
(j) theory;
(k) other, with prior board approval.

C. Policies and procedures for board review, including but not limited to:
(1) enrollment and financial;
(2) cancellation/withdrawal and refund;
(3) grading method;
(4) attendance and make up;
(5) students conduct and discipline;
(6) dress code;
(7) hygiene protocol;
(8) draping procedures;
(9) evaluation forms;
(10) curriculum;
(11) advertising catalog;
(12) list of text books for all courses; and
(13) qualifications of instructors not registered with the board as massage therapy
instructors.

D. Massage therapy school registration fee in accordance with Subsection C of 16.7.3.8
NMAC.

16.7.5.9 INSPECTIONS OF SCHOOLS: The massage therapy school will be inspected by a
board appointed inspector upon registration and thereafter as needed. Findings of the inspector will be
reported to the board as part of the approval process. If an inspection reveals that a school is not in
compliance with the board’s laws or rules, the school will have thirty (30) days to become compliant; at
which time, the school will be re-inspected. If the school fails a second inspection, the board may take
action against the school for non-compliance.

A. Provisional registration: A provisional registration will be given to a new school until
the school is operating and available for inspection.

B. Term of provisional registration: The provisional registration will be valid no longer
than one year from the date of issuance.

C. Inspection criteria: The inspector will observe and report on the following:
(1) cleanliness of premises [and compliance with board policy];
(2) New Mexico state school [registrations] registration and [instructor] instructor’s
registrations and [a file of] their qualifications;
(3) local business license posted;
(4) posted complaint policy with board address and phone number available;
(5) student clinic log;
(6) student attendance log;
(7) student files; and
(8) equipment and teaching aids.

[12-24-99; 16.7.5.9 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 7.5.9, 06-28-01; A, 07-28-05; A, 09-04-09]

16.7.5.10 STANDARDS FOR REGISTERED MASSAGE THERAPY SCHOOLS:
A. Every instructor teaching massage therapy as defined in Section 61-12C-3.E, of the
Massage Therapy Practice Act, and [Subsection C of 16.7.5.7] 16.7.1.7 NMAC, must be registered as
massage therapy instructors in accordance with 16.7.6 NMAC.
B. Qualifications of all instructors must be documented and maintained on the premises of
the registered massage therapy school.
C. Massage therapy school registrations will be renewed yearly in accordance with
16.7.12.10 NMAC.
D. Registered massage therapy schools will comply with 16.7.2 NMAC, Professional
Conduct.
E. Registered massage therapy schools may charge the public [fees for] a fee for the
room usage during the time [the] a student is performing massage therapy [during the] for clinical practicum
training as defined in 16.7.5.7 NMAC.

[12-24-99; 16.7.5.10 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 7.5.10, 06-28-01; A, 07-28-05; A, XX-XX-XX]

16.7.5.11 CHANGES AFFECTING REGISTRATION: Massage therapy school registrations
issued by the board are not transferable. Any change in the business designation of a massage therapy
school may have the legal effect of attempting to transfer the registration and/or of operating without a
legal registration.
A. Any of the following changes will require a new registration, and hence, a new
application for registration with the board.
(1) Any change to the name of the school from that under which it was originally
registered.
   (a) The name of the massage therapy school must not tend to mislead the public, and
      shall not significantly resemble the business name of another registered massage therapy school.
   (b) The name of the massage therapy school shall not be announced, used, or in any
      way be conveyed to the public until the new registration has been issued by the board.
(2) Any change of 50% or more of ownership of the stock in the corporation or of the
shares in a partnership.
(3) Any change in the sole proprietorship.
B. A registered massage therapy school shall notify the board in writing within thirty (30)
days of any changes in instructional staff, curriculum, or other changes that may affect the programs
offered, provided that the school shall not modify its curriculum to fall below the minimum requirements
outlined in this Part, 16.7.5 NMAC.

[16.7.5.11 NMAC - N, 07-28-05]

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