

LMT 130 : MASSAGE FUNDAMENTALS

Transcript title

Massage Fundamentals

Credits

2

Grade mode

Standard letter grades

Contact hours total

20

Lecture hours

20

Prerequisites

[WR 065](#) (or higher) or placement in Wr/Comm Level; [MTH 015](#) (or higher) or minimum placement in Math Level 7.

Corequisites

[LMT 155](#), [LMT 170](#).

Recommended preparation

[BI 105](#) or [BI 231](#).

Description

Introduces the history of massage, self-care, proper body mechanics, basic medical terminology, universal sanitation precautions, draping, communication, and the effects of Swedish massage strokes.

Learning outcomes

1. Explain the seven basic Swedish massage strokes and their effects on the body.
2. Utilize basic medical terminology.
3. Explain universal sanitation precautions.
4. Communicate effectively within a professional setting.
5. Identify Swedish massage strokes and use of positive body mechanics.
6. Evaluate the differences in massage therapy equipment and accessories.
7. Define and identify a wellness model and self-care practices.
8. Identify the scope of practice of massage and bodywork in relation to a wellness model.
9. Perform assessment and data collection including an observation and health history.

Content outline

- Class overview
- History of Massage/Massage as a profession/Modalities
- Wellness model
- Group activities – What it takes to be a professional, continuing education training opportunities
- Communication skills, Body language, self-care

- Medical Terminology and its use in massage therapy.
- Contraindications and Cautions: Endangerment sites
- Health Intake, Client consent, and SOAP charting introduction.
- Equipment, Hygiene and sanitation precautions
- Introduction to body mechanics
- Table set-up, client positioning, and draping.
- Body Mechanics
- Draping and client positioning
- Swedish Massage Strokes Introduction
- Effects of: Effleurage, Petrissage, Friction, Tapotement, Vibration, Shaking, Jostling
- Hands-on Swedish Massage
- Written Final exam

Required materials

Textbook required.

Grading methods

Massage Therapy Program Certificate and Degree require courses to be completed with a grade of "C" (75%) or higher.