TITLE 16 OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
CHAPTER 7 MASSAGE THERAPISTS
PART 11 CONTINUING EDUCATION

16.7.11.1 ISSUING AGENCY: Regulation and Licensing Department, Massage Therapy Board.
[5-30-96; 16.7.11.1 NMAC - Rn & A, 16 NMAC 7.11.1, 06-28-01; A, 06-24-05]

16.7.11.2 SCOPE: This part applies to licensed massage therapists.
[5-30-96; 16.7.11.2 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 7.11.2, 06-28-01]

16.7.11.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: This part is adopted pursuant to the Massage Therapy Practice Act, Section 61-12C-17.
[5-30-96; 16.7.11.3 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 7.11.3, 06-28-01]

16.7.11.4 DURATION: Permanent.
[5-30-96; 16.7.11.4 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 7.11.4, 06-28-01]

16.7.11.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: May 30, 1996, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.
[5-30-96; 16.7.11.5 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 7.11.5, 06-28-01; A, 06-24-05]

16.7.11.6 OBJECTIVE: This part is to establish the continuing education requirements and procedures, to ensure that licensed massage therapists and massage therapy instructors provide the highest quality professional service. Therefore, licensees should engage in education activities that foster this objective.
[5-30-96; 16.7.11.6 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 7.11.6, 06-28-01]

16.7.11.7 DEFINITIONS: [RESERVED]
[5-30-96; 16.7.11.7 NMAC - Rn, 16 NMAC 7.11.7, 06-28-01; A, 06-24-05; A, 09-30-05; A, 09-04-09]
[Refer to 16.7.1.7 NMAC]

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 complete sixteen (16) hours of continuing education of which up to eight (8) hours can be taken on-line. All technique courses must be hands on and shall *not* be taken on-line as cited in Subsection C of 16.7.1.9 NMAC and Paragraph (2) of Subsection A of 16.7.11.10 NMAC.

(1) Continuing education must be completed within the twenty-four (24) months immediately preceding the renewal date of October 31;

(2) Excess hours cannot be carried over to future renewals;

(3) Continuing education taken prior to the twenty-four (24) month period will not be accepted;

(4) Each licensee will maintain documentation of all completed continuing education, including contact information for the continuing education providers.

B. Instructor registrants: Effective starting with the October 31, 2017 renewal cycle. In addition to the requirements for renewal of their massage therapy license, each registered massage therapy instructor will be required to complete sixteen (16) hours of continuing education, eight (8) of which must consist of the knowledge, skills and abilities of teaching adult learners. Eight (8) hours may be taken on-line. All technique courses must be hands on and shall *not* be taken on-line as cited in Subsection C of 16.7.1.9 NMAC and Paragraph (2) of Subsection A of 16.7.11.10 NMAC.

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(3) Continuing education taken prior to the twenty-four (24) month period will not be accepted;

(4) Each registrant will maintain documentation of all continuing education completed, including contact information for the continuing education providers.

C. Audit process: The board will audit continuing education to verify compliance.

(1) A minimum of ten percent (10%) of renewing licensees and registrants will be randomly selected for audit;

(2) Audit requests may be included in the renewal notice;

(3) Licensees and registrants not selected for audit are only required to list the continuing education they completed on their renewal applications;

(4) The board may audit any licensee or registrant's continuing education records at any time before the next scheduled license/registration renewal;

(5) Audited licensees or registrants who fail to provide the requested continuing education documentation are not eligible for license/registration renewal.

[10-3-93…5-30-96; 16.7.11.8 NMAC - Rn & A, 16 NMAC 7.11.8, 06-28-01; A, 06-24-05, A, 09-30-05; A, 03-31-15]

16.7.11.9 CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR MASSAGE THERAPISTS:

A. The board will accept the following types of continuing education which contribute directly to the licensee's massage therapy practice:

(1) courses, seminars, workshops and classes in areas related to the practice of massage therapy such as: massage, bodywork, allied health care, psychology, anatomy, physiology, business, insurance, movement therapy, stress management, yoga, CPR, and first aid;

(2) courses of study offered by registered massage therapy schools; massage therapy instructors; massage, bodywork, or allied healthcare professional organizations, NCBTMB continuing education providers, and accredited colleges and universities; or

(3) publishing 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 renewal period. The number of continuing education hours shall be determined by the massage therapy board; in the interim the board's chair or authorized representative of the board may grant the continuing education hours and then be ratified at the next regular meeting of the massage therapy board.

B. Ethics requirement: All massage therapists shall be required to complete a minimum of four (4) hours of ethics training as part of the sixteen (16)-hour requirement for each renewal period. Ethics courses must be taken from individuals or institutions listed in 16.7.11.9 NMAC.

C. Technique courses must be hands on and shall not be taken on-line.

[10-3-93…5-30-96; 16.7.11.9 NMAC - Rn & A, 16 NMAC 7.11.9, 06-28-01; A, 06-24-05; A, 09-04-09; A, 03-31-15]

16.7.11.10 CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR MASSAGE THERAPY INSTRUCTORS:

A. The board will accept the following types of continuing education which contribute directly to the registrants' massage therapy practice and instructional knowledge, skills and abilities.

(1). courses, seminars, workshops and classes in areas related to andragogy such as: class presentation techniques, class materials preparations, communications skills, research, cultural diversity, and counseling;

(2). courses of study offered by registered massage therapy schools, NCBTMB providers, registered massage therapy instructors, massage, bodywork, or allied health care professional organizations; accredited colleges and universities. All technique courses must be hands on and shall not be taken on-line; or

(3). publishing 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 renewal period. The number of continuing education hours shall be determined by the massage therapy board; in the interim the board's chair or authorized representative of the board may grant the continuing education hours and then be ratified at the next regular meeting of the massage therapy board.

B. A minimum of eight (8) hours of continuing education for massage therapy instructors must consist of the knowledge, skills and abilities of teaching adult learners.

[16.7.11.10 NMAC - N, 06-28-01; A, 06-24-05; A, 09-04-09; A, 03-31-15]

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