



# Broward Community College

## Course Outline

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STATUS: A

COMMON COURSE NUMBER: MSS 0001

COURSE TITLE: Medical Ethics and Standards for Massage Therapy

CONTACT HOURS: 3

**CONTACT HOUR BREAKDOWN:**

Lecture/Discussion:	<u>15</u>
Laboratory:	<u>00</u>
Other	<u>00</u>
Contact hours/week:	<u>1</u>

**CATALOG COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Course presents a detailed exploration of ethics and professionalism as it relates to massage therapy, focusing on the development and application of appropriate professional boundaries and the psychological dimensions of the client-therapist relationship. Licensure, national certification, professional organizations, malpractice insurance, sexuality, cultural diversity, and the other concepts related to ethical practice are discussed.

PREREQUISITE(S): None

COREQUISITE(S): None

**UNIT TITLES:**

- 1.0 Statutes And Rules Of Florida Massage Practice And The Rules Of The Florida Board Of Massage Therapy*
- 2.0 Scope Of Practice For Massage Therapy*
- 3.0 Professional Code Of Ethics.*
- 4.0 Basic Business Practices And Standards*

LAST REVIEW Academic Year 2001-2002

*Interim Revision Dates:*

NEXT REVIEW Academic Year 2006-07

### ***Instructional Outcomes***

Upon successful completion of this course, the students will have an understanding of related knowledge to the rules and laws that govern massage therapy in the state of Florida, basic business practices and standards of the profession and the safety and health practices that are conducive to the hygiene of massage therapy and the client/patient.

In addition, as detailed in the General Outcomes for each Unit Title, the student will:

1. Understand the purpose of the Massage Practice Act. (Chapter 480, F.S.)
2. Demonstrate the ability to market their practice to the public, businesses and other health care practitioners in a professional and successful manner.
3. Understand the importance of keeping current with the standards and practices of massage therapists and the legal requirements of the state of Florida.
4. Understand the grounds for disciplinary action taken by the state of Florida.
5. Explain the guidelines of a professional organization for massage therapists.

### ***Behavioral Outcomes***

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will:

1. Demonstrate a receptive response to constructive criticism as provided via examinations, quizzes, and assigned projects related to the subject matter.
2. Demonstrate conduct that reflects respect and courtesy in all interactions with instructor(s) and peers.
3. Engage in on-going self-assessment as it relates to achieving success in the course so that content areas that require knowledge enhancement can be identified.
4. Set appropriate goals as a result of on-going self-assessment.

***Unit 1: Statutes and Rules of Florida Massage Practice and the  
Rules of the Florida Board of Massage Therapy***

***General Outcome:***

- 1.0 The student will demonstrate an understanding of related knowledge to the rules and laws that govern massage therapy in Florida

***Specific Instructional Objectives:***

Upon successful completion of this unit, the student will be able to:

- 1.1 State the purpose of the Massage Practice Act.
- 1.2 State the qualifications necessary for licensure and renewal of license.
- 1.3 State the functions of Board of Massage Therapy and the Department of Health.
- 1.4 State the conditions necessary for acceptance for examination.
- 1.5 State the requirements for massage therapy establishments and their inspection.
- 1.6 Understand the grounds for disciplinary actions that may be taken by the Board of Massage Therapy.
- 1.7 Define the terms: Board, Department, Massage Therapist, apprentice, inactive licensure, establishment licensure.

## **UNIT 2 Scope of Practice for Massage Therapy**

### **General Outcome:**

2.0 The student will be able to understand the scope of practice for massage therapists as well as for other health care professionals

### **Specific Instructional Objectives:**

Upon successful completion of this unit, the student will be able to:

- 2.1 Define what cannot be legally and or ethically performed by massage therapists.
- 2.2 Understand the scope of practice of various health and service professionals.
- 2.3 Explain what constitutes the practice of medicine.
- 2.4 Develop a scope of practice for massage that respects that of other professionals.
- 2.5 Understand practices conducive to health promotion and safety.

**General Outcome:**

3.0 The student will be able to define standards of acceptable and professional behavior

**Specific Instructional Objectives:**

Upon successful completion of this unit, the student will be able to:

- 3.1 Define the meaning of professional ethics.
- 3.2 Discuss the importance of good health habits and professional projection.
- 3.3 Discuss the importance of human relations and success attitudes.
- 3.4 Develop strategies for maintaining professional boundaries with a client.

<b>UNIT 4      <i>Basic Business Practice and Standards</i></b>
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***General Outcome:***

4.0 The student will be able to identify basic business practices and standards.

***Specific Instructional Objectives:***

Upon successful completion of this unit, the student will be able to:

- 4.1 Define basic business practices and standards.
- 4.2 Understand advantages and disadvantages of owning a business.
- 4.3 Identify the necessary personal characteristics of a successful entrepreneur.
- 4.4 Develop a business management and record-keeping system.