



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
H. Martin Lancaster, President

July 24, 2007

RESPONSE DEADLINE: August 13, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: Select Chief Academic Officers

FROM: Delores A. Parker, Vice President
Academic and Student Services

SUBJECT: Revision of Therapeutic Massage (A45750)

The System Office has received a request to revise the curriculum standard for Therapeutic Massage (A45750).

Revisions to Therapeutic Massage (A45750) standard include the deletion of the subject area of Nutrition and subsequent reduction of total core hours of the program. The rationale is that nutrition should be taught within the context of other massage core courses. A separate nutrition course is not required by certifying/licensing entities.

Please review the proposed revisions. ***Please complete and return the attached form to Edith Lang by August 13, 2007.*** You may fax your response to 919-807-7164. Once the responses have been received at the System Office, the request will be presented to the State Board of Community Colleges for future action at its September 2007 meeting.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have questions, please contact Edith Lang at 919-807-7119 or lange@nccommunitycolleges.edu.

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Attachments

c: Select Presidents
Dr. Judith C. Mann
Dr. Edith T. Lang

S07-031
Email

College Recommendation
Curriculum Standard Revision
Therapeutic Massage (A45750)

Current Therapeutic Massage (A45750) curriculum standard:

(See attached standard)

Proposed Therapeutic Massage (A45750) curriculum standard:

(See attached standard)

Rationale: Nutrition should be taught within the context of other massage core courses. A separate nutrition course is not required by certifying/licensing entities.

_____ We have reviewed the proposed revisions to the standard and **recommend** the adoption of the changes for Therapeutic Massage (A45750) for the following reason(s):

_____ We concur with the rationale.

_____ Other: _____

_____ We have reviewed the proposed revisions to the standard and **do not recommend** the adoption of the changes for Therapeutic Massage (45750) for the following reason(s):

_____ We do not offer Therapeutic Massage (A45750) and wish to decline from making a recommendation.

_____ College

_____ Signature of President or Designee

_____ Date

Fax: 919-807-7164
Attention: Edith Lang

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Curriculum Program Title	Therapeutic Massage	Code	A45750
Concentration	(not applicable)		

Curriculum Description

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Curriculum Requirements*

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- III. Other Required Hours.** A college may require other subjects or courses to complete graduation requirements. These requirements may include electives, orientation, study skills courses, or other graduation requirements.

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Minimum General Education Hours	15	6	0
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Other Required Hours	0-7	0-4	0-1
Total Semester Hours Credit in Program	64-76	36-48	12-18

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CURRENT

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