

**STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES**  
**CURRICULUM STANDARD REVISIONS**

The State Board is asked to approve revisions to the following curriculum standard:

Pitt Community College  
Therapeutic Massage (A45750)

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**Pitt Community College  
Therapeutic Massage (A45750)**

Pitt Community College is seeking approval to revise the Therapeutic Massage (A45750) curriculum standard, effective Summer 2013.

The proposed revision follows:

- Add *MTH 130 (Therapeutic Massage Mgmt)* as a required core course.
- Delete the required subject area of Business

**Rationale of Requesting College:** MTH 130 Therapeutic Massage Management focuses on business related skills and practices specifically for massage therapists. The North Carolina Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy Practice Act Chapter 30 Section .0620 Program Requirements (2) (c) notes that the program is required to have “15 hours in business management practices related to the practice of massage and bodywork therapy.” This course is designed to meet the accrediting Board’s requirements and to prepare the student for their future practice. The addition of MTH 130 as a required core course negates the need for the generic business courses in the required subject area.

Fifteen colleges are approved to offer the program. The voting results follow:

- 8 colleges recommend the revision
- 7 colleges did not respond

**Coordinator:** Ms. Renee Batts

# PROPOSED CURRICULUM STANDARD

*Effective Term*  
**Summer 2013**  
**[2013\*02]**

Curriculum Program Title

**Therapeutic Massage**

Code

**A45750**

Concentration

**(not applicable)**

## *Curriculum Description*

The Therapeutic Massage curriculum prepares graduates to work in direct client care settings to provide manipulation, methodical pressure, friction and kneading of the body for maintaining wellness or treating alterations in wellness throughout the lifespan.

Courses will include content in normal human anatomy and physiology, therapeutic massage, ethical/legal issues, business practices, nutrition and psychology.

Employment opportunities include hospitals/rehabilitation centers, health departments, home health, medical offices, nursing homes, spas/health/sports clubs, and private practice. Graduates may be eligible to take the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Exam or the National Certification for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork.

## *Curriculum Requirements\**

*[for associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs in accordance with 23 SBCCC 02E.0204 (3)]*

- I. General Education.** Degree programs must contain a minimum of 15 semester hours including at least one course from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural sciences/mathematics. Degree programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of communications. Diploma programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of general education; 3 semester hours must be in communications. General education is optional in certificate programs.
- II. Major Hours.** AAS, diploma, and certificate programs must include courses which offer specific job knowledge and skills. Work experience, including cooperative education, practicums, and internships, may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit. *(See second page for additional information.)*
- III. Other Required Hours.** A college may include courses to meet graduation or local employer requirements in a certificate, diploma, or associate in applied science program. These curriculum courses shall be selected from the Combined Course Library and must be approved by the System Office prior to implementation. Restricted, unique, or free elective courses may not be included as other required hours.

	<b>AAS</b>	<b>Diploma</b>	<b>Certificate</b>
Minimum General Education Hours	15	6	0
Minimum Major Hours	49	30	12
Other Required Hours	0-7	0-4	0-1
<b>Total Semester Hours Credit (SHC)</b>	<b>64-76</b>	<b>36-48</b>	<b>12-18</b>

\*Within the degree program, the institution shall include opportunities for the achievement of competence in reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical skills, and basic use of computers.

# Proposed

# Major Hours

[ref. 23 SBCCC 02E.0204 (3)]

- A. Core.** The subject/course core is comprised of subject areas and/or specific courses which are required for each curriculum program. A diploma program offered under an approved AAS program standard or a certificate which is the highest credential level awarded under an approved AAS program standard must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit derived from the subject/course core of the AAS program.
- B. Concentration** (if applicable). A concentration of study must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit from required subjects and/or courses. The majority of the course credit hours are unique to the concentration. The required subjects and/or courses that make up the concentration of study are in addition to the required subject/course core.
- C. Other Major Hours.** Other major hours must be selected from prefixes listed on the curriculum standard. A maximum of 9 semester hours of credit may be selected from any prefix listed, with the exception of prefixes listed in the core or concentration. Work experience, including cooperative education, practicums, and internships, may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit.

## Therapeutic Massage (A45750)

	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
<b>Minimum Major Hours Required</b>	<b>49 SHC</b>	<b>30 SHC</b>	<b>12 SHC</b>
<b>A. CORE</b> <i>Courses required for the diploma are designated with *</i> <b>Required Courses:</b> * MTH 110 Fundamentals of Massage 10 SHC * MTH 120 Ther Massage Applications 10 SHC * MTH 125 Ethics of Massage 2 SHC MTH 210 Adv Skills of Massage 8 SHC MTH 220 Outcome-Based Massage 7 SHC <b>MTH 130 Therapeutic Massage Mgmt 2 SHC</b> BIO 271 Pathophysiology 3 SHC  <b>Required Subject Areas:</b> <b>Psychology/Human Relations.</b> <i>Select one.</i> PSY 118 Interpersonal Psychology 3 SHC PSY 150 General Psychology 3 SHC BUS 152 Human Relations 3 SHC  <b>Business.</b> <i>Select one.</i> <del>BUS 137 Principles of Management 3 SHC</del> <del>BUS 230 Small Business Management 3 SHC</del> <del>BUS 280 REAL Small Business 4 SHC</del>	<b>45 SHC</b> <b>46-47 SHC</b>	<b>12 SHC</b> <b>22 SHC</b>	
<b>B. CONCENTRATION</b> (Not applicable)			
<b>C. OTHER MAJOR HOURS</b>  BIO, BUS, CIS, COE, ENG, HEA, MED, MTH, NUT, PED, PSF, PSY, and SOC  <i>Up to three semester hour credits may be selected from the following prefixes: ARA, ASL, CHI, FRE, GER, ITA, JPN, LAT, POR, RUS and SPA.</i>			