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64B7-32.003 Minimum Requirements for Board Approved Massage Schools.

(1) In order to receive and maintain Board of Massage Therapy approval, a massage school, and any satellite location of a previously approved school, must:

(a) Meet the requirements of and be licensed by the Department of Education pursuant to Chapter 1005, F.S., or the equivalent licensing authority of another state or county, or be within the public school system of the State of Florida; and

(b) Offer a course of study that includes, at a minimum, the 500 classroom hours listed below, completed at the rate of no more than 6 classroom hours per day and no more than 30 classroom hours per calendar week:

Course of Study	Classroom Hours
Anatomy and Physiology	150
Basic Massage Theory and History	100
Clinical Practicum	125
Allied Modalities	76
Business	15
Theory and Practice of Hydrotherapy	15
Florida Laws and Rules (Chapters 456 and 480, F.S. and Chapter 64B7, F.A.C.)	10
Professional Ethics	4
HIV/AIDS Education	3
Medical Errors	2

(c) Apply directly to the Board of Massage Therapy and provide the following information:

1. Sample transcript and diploma;
2. Copy of curriculum, catalog or other course descriptions;
3. Faculty credentials; and
4. Proof of licensure by the Department of Education.

(2) All faculty members of the massage therapy school must meet the minimum requirements of the Department of Education.

(3) Board of Massage Therapy approval shall be withdrawn if the massage school:

(a) Modifies its curriculum to fall below the minimum standards set out in this rule, or fails to require its students to complete the minimum standards in order to graduate;

(b) Submits to the Board of Massage Therapy on behalf of an applicant for licensure documents containing information the school, through its owner, manager, instructors, or other employees or agents, knows to be false;

(c) Violates any standard applicable to the school pursuant to licensure by the Department of Education;

(d) Violates any applicable rule herein.

(4) A Board of Massage Therapy-approved school must notify the Board of Massage Therapy within 90 days of:

- (a) Changes in curriculum;
- (b) Changes in faculty or staff, including submission of the credentials of new faculty; and
- (c) Changes in address.

(5) Any change in ownership of a Board of Massage Therapy approved school must be approved by the Board of Massage Therapy.

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