

MASSAGE & BODYWORK LICENSING EXAMINATION CONTENT OUTLINE

ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY (11%)

- A. System structure
 - Cardiovascular
 - Digestive
 - Endocrine
 - Integumentary
 - · Lymphatic & Immune
 - Musculoskeletal
 - Nervous
 - Reproduction
 - Respiratory
 - Sensory
 - Urinary
- B. System function
 - Cardiovascular
 - Digestion
 - Endocrine
 - Integumentary
 - Lymphatic & Immune
 - Musculoskeletal
 - Nervous
 - Reproduction
 - Respiratory
 - Sensory
 - Urinary
- C. Tissue injury and repair
- D. Concepts of energetic anatomy

KINESIOLOGY (12%)

- A. Skeletal muscle components & characteristics
- B. Concepts of skeletal muscle contractions
- C. Proprioceptors
- Skeletal muscle locations, attachments (origins, insertions), & actions
- E. Joint structure and function
- F. Range of motion
 - Active
 - Passive
 - Resisted

PATHOLOGY, CONTRAINDICATIONS, AREAS OF CAUTION, SPECIAL POPULATIONS (14%)

- A. Overview of Pathologies
- B. Contraindications
 - Site specific
 - Pathology related
 - Special populations
 - Tools
 - Special applications
- C. Areas of caution
- D. Special populations
- E. Classes of medications

BENEFITS AND EFFECTS OF SOFT TISSUE MANIPULATION (15%)

- A. Physiological effects of soft tissue manipulation
- B.Psychological effects of soft tissue manipulation
- C.Effects of soft tissue manipulation for specific client populations
- D.Soft tissue techniques
 - · Types of strokes
 - Sequence of application
- E.Hot/cold applications
- F. Overview of massage/bodywork modalities

CLIENT ASSESSMENT, REASSESSMENT & TREATMENT PLANNING (17%)

- A. Organization of a massage/bodywork session
- B. Client consultation and evaluation
 - Verbal intake
 - Health history form
- C. Written data collection
- D. Visual assessment
 - General
 - Postural
 - Gait
- E. Palpation assessment
- F. Range of motion assessment
- G. Clinical reasoning
 - Ability to rule out contraindications
 - · Client treatment goal setting
 - Evaluation of response to previous treatment
 - Formulation of treatment strategy

ETHICS, BOUNDARIES, LAWS, REGULATIONS (16%)

- A. Ethical behavior
- B. Professional boundaries
- C. Code of ethics violations
- D. The therapeutic relationship
- E. Dual relationships
- F. Sexual misconduct
- G. Massage/bodywork-related laws and regulations
- H. Scope of practice
- I. Professional communication
- J. Confidentiality
- K. Principles

GUIDELINES FOR PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE (15%)

- A. Proper and safe use of equipment and supplies
- B. Practitioner hygiene
- C. Sanitation and cleanliness
- D. Safety practices
 - Facilities
 - Practitioner safety
 - Client safety
- E. Practitioner care
 - Body mechanics
 - Personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - Self-care
 - Injury prevention
- F. Draping
 - Safe and appropriate
 - Communication
- G. Business Practices
 - · Business planning
 - Strategic planning
 - Office management
 - Marketing
 - Hiring/Interviewing
 - Documentation & Records
 - Client records
 - Business records
- H. Healthcare and business terminology