MAS 220 Massage: Law and Ethics

General Information

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Course Prefix
MAS

Course Number
220

Course Title
Massage: Law and Ethics

Course Information

Credit Hours
2

Lecture Contact Hours
2

Lab Contact Hours
0

Other Contact Hours
0

Catalog Description
This course informs the 4th semester student about the legal and ethical aspects for the profession of licensed massage therapist (LMT). Topics included in the course are NYS and national legal standards, professional conduct/misconduct, liability coverage, professional boundaries, confidentiality and informed consent. The business aspects of becoming an LMT will be covered as well, including career opportunities in the massage therapy field and current national statistics, employee vs. self-employed, financial planning, client record-keeping, resumes and cover letters, and working with insurance companies. Students will experience the professional environment of an LMT as well. License requirements for massage therapists in NYS including reviewing the licensing application form and fee schedules will be covered.

Key Assessment
This course does not contain a Key Assessment for any programs

Prerequisites
BIO 165, BIO 172, BIO 171, BIO 265, MAS 110, MAS 210, MAS 215, MAS 245, and each with a grade of C or better

Co-requisites
MAS 205 and MAS 250

Grading Scheme
Letter

First Year Experience/Capstone Designation

This course DOES NOT satisfy the outcomes applicable for status as a FYE or Capstone.

SUNY General Education

This course is designated as satisfying a requirement in the following SUNY Gen Ed category
Course Learning Outcomes

1. Identify legal requirements to become a licensed massage therapist (LMT) in New York State.
2. Examine regulatory standards and ethical practices required to maintain a professional massage therapy business in New York State and nationally.
3. Create necessary documents for a successful career in the field of therapeutic massage.
4. Evaluate professional boundaries and effective communication in the client/therapist relationship as a massage therapist.

Outline of Topics Covered

1. Recognize the legal requirements to become an LMT.
2. Identify the regulatory standards for maintaining a license to practice massage therapy in NYS and nationally.
3. Recognize professional misconduct.
4. Learn about liability insurance and U.S. providers of massage therapy liability insurance.
5. Identify career opportunities in Massage Therapy and tools for obtaining employment and/or self-employment.
6. Learn client record management for maintaining a massage practice.
7. Experience the professional environment and practice of an LMT.
8. Understand ethical issues of confidentiality, informed consent, and professional boundaries.
9. Create a professional resume and cover letter for future employment