
COURSE OUTLINE – PROFESSIONALISM IN REGISTERED MASSAGE THERAPY (RMTProf002)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course explores the concept of “professionalism” in the context of registered massage therapist practice. Starting with some possible definitions of professionalism, the course provides a commentary on its emergence in health care, along with the benefits that have arisen from the pursuit of it as a key underpinning concept. A few of the potential negative influences, with regard to the misuse or misunderstanding of the term professionalism, are also considered. The resultant expectations of ‘professionals’ are highlighted, including the consequences when RMTs do not behave “professionally”. The course explores three major areas of massage therapy where the use of the concept of professionalism has had most impact in recent times: the RMT-patient relationship, the regulation of massage therapy, and with regard to the ethical conduct of RMTs. Participants add some further considerations to professionalism through their exploration in this course.

Pre-requisites: Graduation from an entry-level massage therapy program.

Co-requisites: None.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- State a clear definition of the concept of ‘professionalism’.
- Present arguments about the benefits and potential negative influences of professionalism on the practice and public image of the RMT.
- Correlate the integration of professionalism in practice with expectations of providing safe, ethical and competent massage therapy care to patients.
- Describe the role of professionalism in the participant’s practice of massage therapy.

Course Hours:

5 hours online study.

Modes of Instruction and Learning

This course is delivered through online modes of teaching and learning. This includes reading, providing responses to various online scenarios, and completion of a final exam.

Technical Issues (Reminder)

The course may be attempted using both desktop and mobile devices, but due to possible conflicts that may arise between software and browser version compatibility, the recommended systems and browsers for an optimized experience are as follows:

Windows	Google Chrome (latest version) Microsoft Edge (latest version) Internet Explorer 11 Firefox (latest version)
Mac	Google Chrome (latest version) Safari (latest version) Firefox (latest version)
Mobile	Safari in Apple iOS 10 or later Google Chrome in Apple iOS 10 or later Google Chrome in Android OS 4.4 or later

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