

## **Online Core Curriculum Requirements for NCBTMB Assigned Schools**

### **State Approval and Accreditation**

- NCBTMB will only accept online platforms for schools in states that accept pieces of massage therapy curriculum online.
- Schools with online curriculum must be accredited by a national, regional or state accrediting institution.

### **Courses NCBTMB will Accept Online**

- Sciences (Anatomy, Physiology, Pathology, Kinesiology)
- Business
- Ethics
- History
- General education (courses that complete associate degrees)

### **Learning Management System**

- Must have a true learning management system (LMS) for instruction.
- Material may be delivered electronically or in physical textbook form, but the LMS must perform more tasks than holding literature.
  - Students must have an individual login/account to receive material.
  - The system must be interactive between the instructor and students.
  - Instructors must be present online with students in accordance with the school and accrediting body rules.
  - Students must be able to discuss topics and post to each other, on a discussion board.
- NCBTMB staff must be able to view the LMS to ensure it exists and follow its requirements.
- Instructor hours of communication must be published.
- Online tech support must be available with hours posted.
- Course start and end dates must be listed.
- Number of mandatory course login hours per week must be listed.
  - The LMS must be able to tally the number of hours logged per week.

### **Live In-Class Courses with an Instructor Present**

- The school must have a physical location, licensed as a legal school entity.
- Live courses, (physical hands-on massage courses) must be taught at the school with an instructor present or a school sanctioned location.
- All massage therapy and bodywork classes must be in a live classroom with an instructor present.
  - The specific school must teach the hands-on portion in a classroom setting.
  - Hands-on cannot be farmed out to instructors not associated with or teaching in the physical school.
- A minimum of 200 hours of hands on massage classes must be taught in person.