

Course Description

MSS0281 | Allied Modalities | 3.50 credits

A study of the advanced theories and techniques for massage therapy. Content includes, not limited to Asian bodywork, reflexology, neuromuscular therapy, myofascial release and sports massage.

Course Competencies

Competency 1: The student will understand and interpret the benefits of reflexology by:

- 1. Defining reflexology
- 2. Identifying the indications, benefits, and contraindications associated with the use of massage therapy in reflexology
- 3. Identifying the disorders/conditions associated with reflexology
- 4. Explaining the client preparation for massage therapy in reflexology
- 5. Discussing the massage therapy techniques utilized in reflexology

Competency 2: The student will understand and interpret the benefits of myofascial release by:

- 1. Defining myofascial release
- 2. Identifying the indications, benefits, and contraindications associated with the use of massage therapy in myofascial release
- 3. Identifying the disorders/conditions associated with myofascial release
- 4. Explaining the client preparation for massage therapy in myofascial release
- 5. Discussing the massage therapy techniques utilized in myofascial release

Competency 3: The student will demonstrate and overall knowledge of Asian modalities by:

- 1. Identifying and define meridians, their location and function
- 2. Identifying and define the chakras of the body, their location, function, and color
- 3. Defining the concept of Yin and Yang
- 4. Defining and understand the Five Elements
- 5. Defining procedures used in Asian diagnosis
- 6. Identifying branches of Asian modalities such as Shiatsu and acupuncture
- 7. Defining the concept of Qi or Chi

Learning Outcomes

- · Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Use quantitative analytical skills to evaluate and process numerical data
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information
- Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society
- Demonstrate knowledge of diverse cultures, including global and historical perspectives
- Create strategies that can be used to fulfill personal, civic, and social responsibilities
- Use computer and emerging technologies effectively

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