

Chapter 79. Massage Therapists.

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted.)

12 AAC 79.210 is amended to read:

12 AAC 79.210. Continuing education requirements. (a) An applicant for renewal of a massage therapy license,

(1) for a biennial licensing period that begins on or after July 1, 2015, must document at least six continuing education credits, all of which may be met through Internet-based continuing education courses;

(2) for a biennial licensing period that begins on or after July 1, 2017, must document at least 16 continuing education credits, all of which may be met through Internet-based continuing education courses.

(b) An applicant for renewal under (a)(2) of this section may receive two hours of continuing education credit for completion of hands-on cardiopulmonary resuscitation through the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute, or an equivalent organization.

(c) An applicant for renewal under (a)(2) of this section may receive four hours of continuing education credit for completion of a bloodborne pathogens and universal **and standard** precautions course once every six years.

(d) Continuing education must be completed through a

(1) board-approved massage therapy or bodywork therapy school or training program;

(2) regionally or nationally accredited institution of higher education; a course, seminar, workshop, or other program through that institution must be approved by the board as

directly related to the skills and knowledge required for the practice of massage therapy, and includes a bloodborne pathogens and universal **and standard** precautions course under (c) of this section; or

(3) local, state, or national professional organization that serves the massage therapy profession, including

(A) Associated Bodywork and Massage Professionals;

(B) the American Massage Therapy Association;

(C) the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards; and

(D) the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork.

(e) For the purposes of this section,

(1) one continuing education credit equals one hour of classroom instruction between instructor and participant;

(2) one academic semester credit equals 15 contact hours; and

(3) one academic quarter credit equals 10 contact hours.

(f) An applicant for renewal is responsible for maintaining adequate and detailed records of all continuing education hours claimed and shall make the records available to the board upon request under 12 AAC 79.220. Records must be retained for four years from the date the contact hours were obtained.

(g) An applicant for renewal under (a) of this section may receive one continuing education credit for attending at least 80 percent of a regularly scheduled board meeting once every biennial licensing period.

(h) An applicant for renewal under (a) of this section who has been licensed more than 90 days but less than 12 months of the concluding license period shall not be required

to submit proof of completion of continuing education. (Eff. 5/28/2016, Register 218; am 7/15/2016, Register 219; am ___/___/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.61.020 AS 08.61.030 AS 08.61.050

12 AAC 79.910 is amended to read:

12 AAC 79.910. "Moral turpitude" defined. Under AS 08.61.030, a crime involving moral turpitude includes

- (1) homicide;
- (2) manslaughter;
- (3) assault;
- (4) stalking;
- (5) kidnapping;
- (6) sexual assault;
- (7) sexual abuse of a minor;
- (8) unlawful exploitation of a minor, including possession or distribution of child pornography;
- (9) indecent exposure;
- (10) unlawful distribution or possession for distribution of a controlled substance;
- (11) prostitution;
- (12) sex trafficking;
- (13) murder;**
- (14) human trafficking;**
- (15) criminal sexual conduct;**
- (16) incest;**

(17) robbery;

(18) extortion;

(19) forgery;

(20) criminal homicide;

(21) theft;

(22) endangering the welfare of a child;

(23) endangering the welfare of a vulnerable adult;

(24) reckless endangerment. (Eff. 1/17/2016, Register 217; am ___/___/_____,

Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.61.020 AS 08.61.030

12 AAC 79.990(a)(2) is amended to read:

(2) "universal **and standard** precautions" means the infectious control precautions that are recommended by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to be used to prevent the transmission of bloodborne germs such as human immunodeficiency virus and hepatitis B virus.

(Eff. 1/17/2016, Register 217; am ___/___/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.61.020