

# **Course Content Outline**

Legend: A number one (1) after the course name means it is taught in the first year; a number two (2) after the course name means it is taught in the second year; numbers one and two (1&2) after the course name means it is taught in both years.

### Course: ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY (1&2)

SUBJECT MATTER

The branches of science that study the structures and functions of the normal human body.

#### Course: PATHOLOGY (1&2)

**SUBJECT MATTER** 

- Concepts of health and disease.
- Mechanisms of disease as they relate to the systems of the body.
- Pharmacology and Medication.

## **Course: FOUNDATIONS (1)**

SUBJECT MATTER

- Massage tables, accessories, linens, lubricants, the massage environment, body mechanics, massage clinic equipment and supplies.
- Wellness, wellbeing, and self-care.
- Client Safety.

## **Course: THERAPEUTIC RELATIONSHIP (ETHICS) (1&2)**

SUBJECT MATTER

The interpersonal skills necessary for developing an effective therapeutic relationship with a client; including ethical behaviour, professional boundaries, confidentiality, and conflict resolution.

## **Course: PALPATORY ANATOMY AND KINESIOLOGY (1)**

**SUBJECT MATTER** 

The bones and bony landmarks of the skeletal system; origins, insertions, actions of the muscular system, and accessory structures of the musculoskeletal system.

## **Course: BIOMECHANICS AND MOVEMENT (1)**

**SUBJECT MATTER** 

The essentials of movement including connective tissue, joints, nerves, nerve pathways, biomechanics, posture, and gait.

## Course: MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY (1)

SUBJECT MATTER

The terminology of science and medicine; pronunciation and etymology of scientific and medical terms.

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#### **Course: MASSAGE TECHNIQUES (1)**

SUBJECT MATTER

- Manual techniques of massage therapy.
- Indications, safety considerations, effects, outcomes and modifications for a variety of manual techniques.
- Client draping in a therapeutic setting.
- Application of massage techniques while the client is sitting erect or reclining.
- Use of massage techniques to create a nurturing and bonding experience between infant and caregiver.

### **Course: ORTHOPEDIC ASSESSMENT (1&2)**

SUBJECT MATTER

The gathering and interpretation of assessment results to make informed decisions about treatment.

## **Course: TREATMENT PLANNING (1&2)**

**SUBJECT MATTER** 

- Scope of practice, standards of care, assessments, documentation, informed consent, treatment planning, and referrals.
- Clients in different stages of their lives.
- Clients with physical challenges and health-related issues.
- Presence of a disease or condition that requires the therapist to postpone massage, avoid an area, or modify the client's position or the delivery of procedures or techniques.
- The documented process of planning a client-centered massage treatment and plan according to client goals, subjective and objective intake information, current health status of client and current best evidence for practice.
- External therapeutic use of all forms of water.

## **Course: REMEDIAL EXERCISE (2)**

SUBJECT MATTER

Stretch, strengthen, and movement techniques for remedial exercise.

## Course: BUSINESS (2)

SUBJECT MATTER

Business, marketing, accounting, and finance.

### Course: RESEARCH (1)

SUBJECT MATTER

Types of research, research articles, and research literacy that lead to understanding how massage therapy affects the physiology and psychology of the client.

## **Course: SUPERVISED CLINICAL EXPERIENCE (1&2)**

#### **SUBJECT MATTER**

- Practical application of theory and massage techniques performed in the context of a therapeutic relationship while in a supervised clinical setting.
- Module clinics and public clinics (general public); special populations (clients diagnosed with a variety of medical conditions); outreach (variety of offcampus settings).

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