



WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia Massage Therapy Licensure Board

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Structural Integration practitioners are required to get a massage license in West Virginia. It appears as though one could petition the board to approve the BCSI exam.

Laws and Regulations

Statute: <http://www.wvmassage.org/rules.asp?show=state>

ARTICLE 37. MASSAGE THERAPISTS.

§30-37-1. License required to practice.

To protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and to ensure standards of competency, it is necessary to require licensure of those engaged in the practice of massage therapy. After the thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred ninety-eight, it shall be unlawful for any person not licensed under the provisions of this article to practice massage therapy in this state, or to use the initials LMT, C.M.T., or the words "licensed massage therapist," "masseur," or "masseuse," or any other words or titles which imply or represent that the person, corporation or association is engaging in the practice of massage therapy, or employ any person, not duly licensed, who is engaging in the practice of massage therapy or who is using such words or titles to imply or represent that he or she is engaging in the practice of massage therapy.

§30-37-2. Definitions.

(c) "Massage therapy" means a health care service which is a scientific and skillful manipulation of soft tissue for therapeutic or remedial purposes, specifically for improving muscle tone, circulation, promoting health and physical well-being. Massage therapy includes massage, myotherapy, massotherapy, bodywork, bodywork therapy, or therapeutic massage including hydrotherapy, superficial hot and cold applications, vibration and topical applications or other therapies which involve manipulation of the muscle and connective tissue of the body, for the purpose of enhancing health, reducing stress, improving circulation, aiding muscle relaxation, increasing range of motion, or relieving neuro-muscular pain. Massage therapy does not include diagnosis or service which requires a license to practice medicine or surgery, osteopathic medicine, chiropractic, or podiatry, and does not include service performed by nurses, occupational therapists, or physical therapists who act under their own professional license, certificate or registration.

§30-37-7. Requirements for licensure; renewal of licenses; reinstatement; penalties.

(a) The board shall propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code, establishing a procedure for licensing of massage therapists. License requirements shall include the following:

(1) Completion of a program of massage education at a school approved by the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education pursuant to section nine, article two-b, chapter eighteen-b of this code or by a state agency in another state, the District of Columbia or a United States territory which approves educational programs and which meets qualifications for the National Certification Exam administered through the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork. This school shall require a diploma from an accredited high school, or the equivalent, and require completion of at least five hundred hours of supervised academic instruction;

(2) Successful completion of the National Certification for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCTMB) examination, *or other board approved examination*; and

Administrative Rules

<http://www.wvmassage.org/rules.asp?show=series1>

Board Members

<http://www.wvmassage.org/board.asp?show=members>

Board Meetings

§30-37-4. Quorum meetings; officers; reimbursement; staff.

The board shall meet at least twice a year, at the times and places that it determines

It appears that all West Virginia Boards place their meeting notices on the following website:

<https://apps.sos.wv.gov/adlaw/meetingnotices/>