

## Chapter MTBT 7

### CONTINUING EDUCATION

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**MTBT 7.01 Authority.** The rules in ch. MTBT 7 are adopted under the authority of s. 460.10, Stats.

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**MTBT 7.02 Continuing education required.**

(1) Beginning with the biennial registration period commencing on March 1, 2015, unless granted a waiver under s. MTBT 7.02 (4), each licensee is required to complete 24 hours of continuing education prior to renewal of a license to practice as a massage therapist or bodywork therapist, except that a new licensee shall not be required to comply with the continuing education requirements for the first renewal of a license.

(2) Acceptable continuing education shall address topics within the scope of practice of massage therapy and bodywork therapy or related business practices. The topic of at least 2 of the total continuing education hours in each biennium shall be ethics.

(3) Each licensee shall, at the time of making application for renewal, sign a statement on the application for renewal certifying that the licensee has completed 24 hours of acceptable continuing education, including 2 credits pertaining to ethics, during the 2-year period immediately preceding the renewal date under s. 440.08 (2) (a) 46r., Stats.

(4) A licensee may apply to the board for waiver of the requirements of this chapter on grounds of prolonged illness or disability or other exceptional circumstances. The board will consider each request individually on its merits.

(5) One hour of continuing education shall be awarded for each 50 minutes of instruction or its equivalent.

(6) Each licensee shall maintain verifiable evidence of completion of the continuing education activity until the licensee submits the next application for renewal of a license to practice massage therapy or bodywork therapy.

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**MTBT 7.03 Acceptable continuing education activities.** The board shall accept the following in satisfaction of the biennial training requirement provided under s. MTBT 7.02:

(1) Continuing education activities approved or provided by any of the following:

(a) Massage therapy or bodywork therapy schools or training programs approved pursuant to s. 460.095, Stats.

(b) Institutions of higher education as s. 106.57 (1) (c), Stats.

(c) Local, state, or national chapters of professional organizations that address improvement of the profession, including but not limited to the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM), the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCBTMB), and the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB).

(2) Continuing education activities may be in the form of in-person instruction, distance learning, online activities, audiovisual recordings, audio recordings, and professional literature review.

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