



Hands & Hearts in Action Veteran's Massage Education Program

2019 Curriculum & Class Guide

Introduction:

The 2018 Crouse Health Massage for Veterans Certification program provides a comprehensive professional development program for massage therapists and allied health professionals who want to work with United States Veterans and active duty military personnel in clinical (medical center), volunteer, VSO (Veteran Service Organization), or outpatient settings (private or group practice). The certification program is made available through the collaboration between Crouse Health and the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork. The educational program is made available through the collaboration between Crouse Health, Syracuse Veteran's Administration, Upstate Medical University, Clear Path for Veterans, American Massage Therapy Association, and the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork. The collaborations allow us to embrace an inclusive approach to education, one that fosters community outreach and augments massage therapy awareness.

The program is designed to foster support for therapists in different settings and experiences while serving U.S. Veterans. The following graphic provides a suggestion on what level or participation is recommended for your circumstance.

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| Volunteer, Occasional Encounter in Private Practice, or Spa Setting | Out-patient referrals or Medical Center clinician | Eligibility to test for the NCBTMB Specialty Certificate Examination |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Massage Therapy for U.S. Veterans: Therapeutic Considerations & Adaptations• 16 CE Hours | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All Core Classes• 40 CE Hours | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full 80 Hour Curriculum• 72 CE Hours + 8 CBLE Hours• NCBTMB Test Fee |

For further support, you will find a program checklist on our website at:

<https://massageforveterans.org/hands-hearts-in-action-educational-curriculum-content/>. This checklist is a tool you can print and use for your planning.

Accreditation:

All approved classes are accredited by the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork and the American Massage Therapy Association. Upon completion of all approved classes in the program, students will receive a transcript of education completion from Nicole Miller & Crouse Health. This record is necessary to qualify for testing provided by the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork and to complete the Specialty Certificate provided by NCBTMB. Students who have completed the educational requirements and passed the NCBTMB exam will earn the title Certified Professional Veterans Massage Therapist.

Program Participants:

Nicole Miller, M.S., L.M.T. – Program creator and primary instructor.

Crouse Health – Provides education program management and curriculum oversight.

Syracuse VA – VA clinical staff provides curriculum advisement and content instruction for topics.

NCBTMB – Provides accreditation of classes and tests massage therapists for the Specialty Certificate.

Upstate Medical University – Provides instruction and lab for Gross Anatomy classes.

AMTA – Hosts classes including Gross Anatomy and classes instructed by Nicole Miller at some locations.

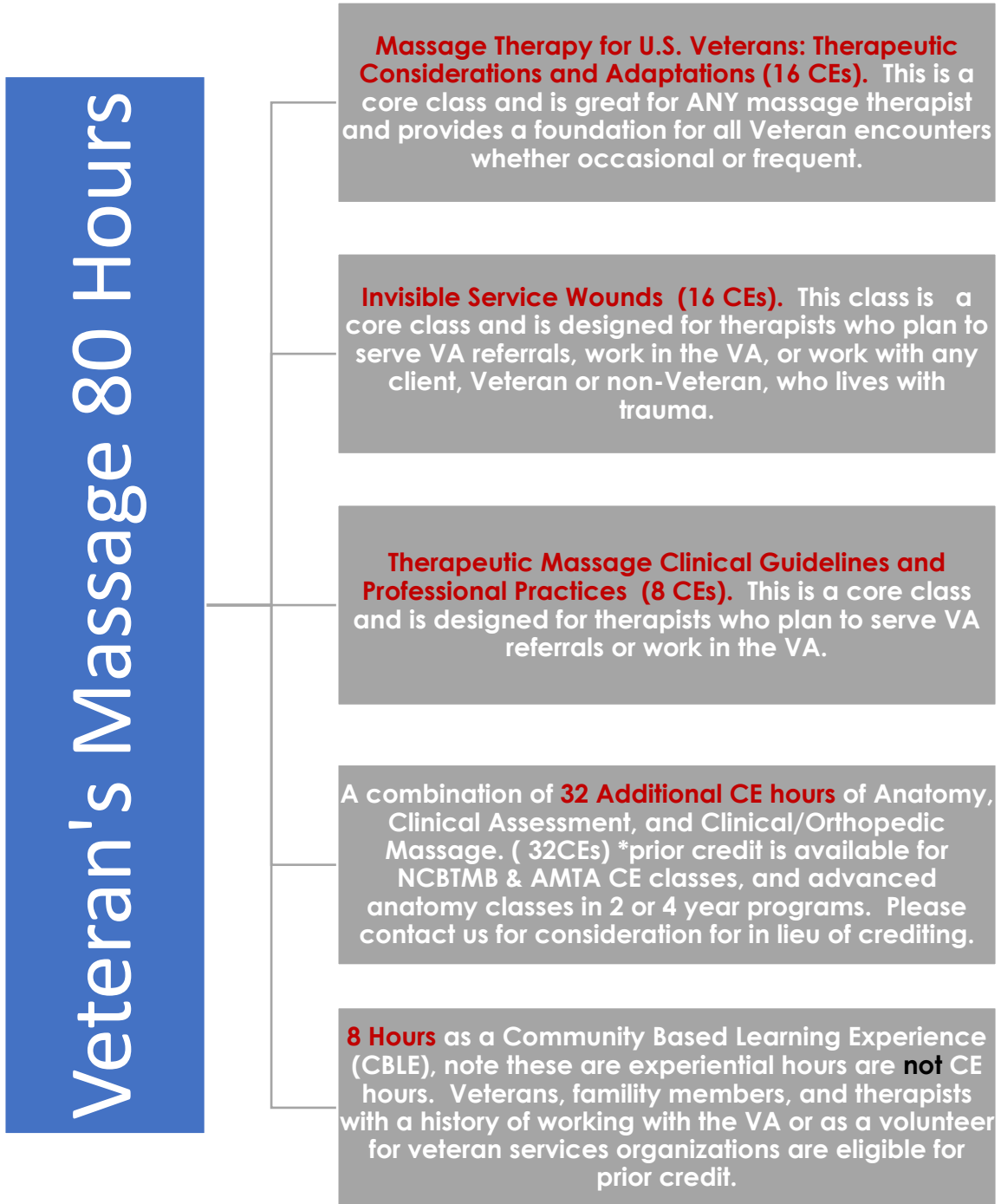
Clear Path for Veterans – Original clinic host, provides curriculum advisement and instruction from Veteran guests and Veteran employees.

Following are additional graphics to help you continue to understand the aspects of our program.

For more information please visit: www.messageforveterans.org

Hands & Hearts in Action Complete Curriculum

A snapshot of the curriculum & courses



Professional Level

Adaptive Focused

Beginner Level

Appropriate for all massage therapists

Prepares for volunteerism at a service organization or for independent work with Veterans who have transitioned well back to Civilian life.

Classes include:

- Massage Therapy for U.S. Veterans: Therapeutic Considerations and Adaptations formerly known as Caring Hands & Hearts: Massage for Veterans.

Specialist Level

Treatment Focused

Advanced Level

Appropriate for MTs who want to specialize working with Veterans or advanced study on content related to trauma. 80 Hour Program - all classes in the program

Prepares massage therapists to be active participants in a formal health care delivery system and receive for referrals from the VA or Veteran service organization. Prepares MTs for the NCBTMB Specialty Certificate examination

Classes constitute a total of 80 hours and listed in a following section.