



HHIA: Veterans Massage Student Checklist

Hands & Hearts in Action Continuing Education Program

1. Required Classes for NCBTMB Specialty Certificate Test Eligibility:

- Massage Therapy for U.S. Veterans: Therapeutic Considerations and Adaptations – 16 CEs
- Invisible Service Wounds - 16 CEs
- Therapeutic Massage Clinical Guidelines and Professional Practices – 8 CEs (prior credit or in-lieu credit available for PTs, OTs, or similar clinicians, and must be approved by Crouse Health)
- 32 CE hours of Anatomy, Clinical Assessment, Clinical/Orthopedic, or Medical Massage Methods
 - Prior CE credit or in-lieu credit available and must be approved by Crouse Health.
 - NCBTMB or AMTA CE classes dedicated to Cancer Massage, perinatal massage, scar tissue massage, or other medical topic that corresponds with typical Veterans' needs will be considered.
- Community-Based Learning Experience – 8 non-CE supervised
 - This is for the purposes of supporting your Cultural Competency.
 - Veterans massage therapists or massage therapists are family members, who have worked with VA's, or Veteran Service Organizations are eligible for prior credit.
- Total Hours = 80** (72 CE hours and 8 community-based learning experience hours)

2. Student Eligibility for class attendance:

- Licensed and/or register massage therapists. Out-of state students attending NY classes may attend all classes and receive credit while observing hands-on demonstrations or receiving massage from NY therapists.
- Nurses, doctors, physical therapists or other profession licensed to provide massage therapy.
- Allied Health Professional with eligibility to provide massage in their state.
- Only massage therapists are eligible to take the NCBTMB Specialty Exam.

3. Specialty Certification Eligibility:

- Completion of Student Tracker Form
- Completion of required classes identified above
- Transcript from Crouse Health authenticating eligibility to take the NCBTMB exam
- Completion and successful passing of the NCBTMB Massage for Veteran's Specialty Certification examination.