

# IMPORTANT!!!

Please read this brochure in its entirety to help you avoid problems and consequences that can arise from not following CAMTC Certification protocols.

As a student, your path to successfully becoming a CAMTC Certified Massage Therapist is one of commitment, study and hours of practice.

This brochure details the necessary steps you must take, and the pitfalls you must avoid, to help you stay out of trouble and make your professional goals come true.

Send any questions or concerns regarding questionable school behavior to: [info@camtc.org](mailto:info@camtc.org)

We at CAMTC wish you success as you work towards becoming a Certified Massage Therapist.



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California Massage Therapy Council's mission is to protect the public by certifying massage professionals in California that meet the requirements in the law and approving massage programs that meet the minimum standards for training and curriculum.

## Attention Massage Students



## Does Your Education Qualify You For CAMTC Certification?





## Step 1

### • **Attend a CAMTC Approved Massage Program in California.**

CAMTC may not approve all programs, courses, and hours at a

school. Visit the “Approved” list at:

[www.camtc.org/schools-info-find-a-school/](http://www.camtc.org/schools-info-find-a-school/)

- If your program is not listed, then check the “Provisionally Approved” list. Provisional approval means that a program meets certain basic CAMTC requirements, but has not yet been fully approved by CAMTC. Students cannot use education from provisionally approved schools until the school’s approval is final, if approved.
- If your massage program is not listed, you generally cannot use your massage education for Certification unless it meets one of the following exceptions:
  - Your school is currently closed and CAMTC’s closed school policies were met (see [www.camtc.org/schools-info-find-a-school/](http://www.camtc.org/schools-info-find-a-school/)).
  - Your school is an out-of-state school that provides equivalent education (as determined by CAMTC).



## Step 2

Make sure your education meets the following requirements:

- **You must complete a minimum of 500 hours at a CAMTC Approved**

**Program.** Hours that are not part of the CAMTC Approved Program, including continuing education courses, cannot be accepted.

- Of those 500 hours, **you must complete a minimum of 100 hours of core curriculum subjects** as follows: 64 hours of Anatomy and Physiology, 13 hours of Contraindications, 5 hours of Health and Hygiene, and 8 hours of Business and Ethics.
- **A CAMTC-qualified instructor must actively supervise ALL 500 hours.** “Actively supervised” means that a qualified instructor should always be present in the classroom and should always be leading the instruction.
- **You must personally attend, and actively participate in, ALL 500 hours.** Friends and other people cannot take the class in your place or sign you in and out. You cannot sign in, leave, and come back at a later time. You cannot sleep or otherwise be distracted, such as by using your phone. **Engaging in these practices is considered to be fraud and may result in denial of your application for Certification, even if your school’s program is approved.**
- **CAMTC does not accept online or distance learning hours,** including but not limited to, externships, off-site clinics, homework, self-study, or credits through challenge examinations, achievement tests, or experiential learning.
- For CAMTC to consider your hours, **a qualified instructor MUST regularly administer written and practical hands-on exams** to test your knowledge and skills. You must personally **take and pass** these exams. Other people may not take these exams for you. If you fail or cheat on an exam, CAMTC will not accept the hours of subject matter related to the exam and may deny your Application for CAMTC Certification.

- **A minimum of 250 hours of the 500 hours must be in the supervised instruction of hands-on massage.**
- **CAMTC does not accept more than 75 hours of student clinic.** Like all of the required 500 hours, a qualified instructor must actively supervise student clinic hours. A qualified instructor must check-in, observe, and provide feedback regularly before, during, and after each session.
- **CAMTC does not accept more than 10 hours of education completed per day or 40 hours of education completed in any seven-day period.**



## Step 3

- **Review a copy of your Official Transcript**

BEFORE your school submits it to CAMTC.

- **Verify that you have attended all hours**

**and courses listed on the transcript.**

**YOU are responsible for YOUR education. Follow these steps to make sure YOUR EDUCATION qualifies for CAMTC Certification.**



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