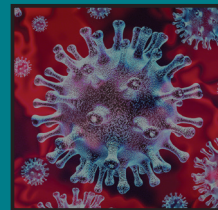




WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

COVID-19



“It’s absolutely critical that each of us stay informed and listen closely to the experts.”

Quote by Ahmos Netanel, CEO of CAMTC. His quote was in our COVID-19 update March 12th, which is on CAMTC’s homepage.

This was the start of posting updates on CAMTC’s website during this uncertain and ever-changing coronavirus threat. For more updates, simply go to our homepage at www.camtc.org and scroll down. Specifically, COVID-19 related info for massage schools is at:

www.camtc.org/media/1803/update-to-covid-19-contingency-plan-for-schools.pdf

This document is the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Contingency Plan for Massage Schools to work with schools and find ways to enable schools to accommodate students and help them continue their education despite interruptions caused by COVID-19. Please email Joe Bob Smith at jbsmith@camtc.org if you have any questions about this.

We hope you all stay safe & healthy.

STUDENT BROCHURES

CAMTC has created a new brochure for students entitled:

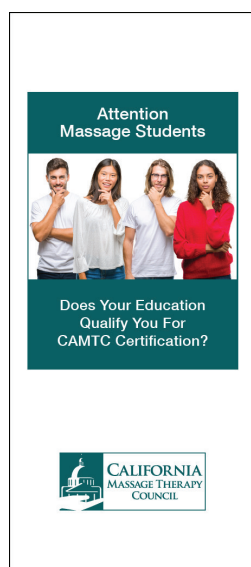
“DOES YOUR EDUCATION QUALIFY YOU FOR CAMTC CERTIFICATION?”.

Your school can use these complimentary brochures to help students understand the education requirements for CAMTC Certification. Prospective students will also better appreciate the importance of attending a CAMTC Approved School.

Brochures are available in English and also Chinese. CAMTC mailed these brochures to schools recently free of charge, 50 in English and 50 in Chinese. If your school would like additional brochures, please email Joe Bob Smith at jbsmith@camtc.org or download from the website here:

www.camtc.org/media/1775/attention-massage-students-english.pdf

www.camtc.org/media/1776/attention-massage-students-chinese.pdf





POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR EVALUATION OF OUT-OF-STATE EDUCATION



The CAMTC Board of Directors approved a new **Policies and Procedures for Evaluation of Out-of-State Education**, at the February 20, 2020 Board Meeting.

As CAMTC has worked to significantly curtail fraudulent education within California, the number of fraudulent transcripts from out-of-state schools has surged. Additionally, out-of-state education comprised approximately half of all education reviews performed by the Educational Standards Division (“ESD”) in 2019, and roughly ten percent of all applications for certification received by CAMTC.

In summary, these new Procedures, in compliance with California Business and Professions Code sections 4601(a) and 4604(a)(6), state that in order for CAMTC to accept education from an out-of-state school:

- The school must be recognized by a corresponding agency in another state (a state’s massage board, overseer of private postsecondary education, or department of education) or accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Dept. of Education;
AND

- The school must require equal or greater training than what is required for certification;
AND
- The education provided must be comparable academic work (meaning it is the same as or greater than education provided by a CAMTC Approved School).

CAMTC reviews out-of-state education on a case-by-case basis to determine if it meets these criteria. CAMTC may determine that a specific out-of-state school does not provide comparable academic work for any of the reasons listed in **CAMTC’s Policies and Procedures for Approval of Schools, section 6**. A school may challenge the decision that it does not provide comparable academic work by complying with the stated procedures.

Schools designated as out-of-state schools that do not provide comparable academic work will be listed on CAMTC’s website as such, and CAMTC will not accept education from these schools for CAMTC Certification purposes.

You can read the entire Policies and Procedures for Evaluation of Out-of-State Education on CAMTC’s website at:

www.camtc.org/media/1783/policies-and-procedures-for-evaluation-of-out-of-state-education.pdf



**CAMTC
WINDOW DECALS**

Show your CAMTC Approved School pride with the new approved school window decal from CAMTC! If your school did not receive a window decal in person at the AMTA Schools Summit, CAMTC will provide one to your school free of charge. Email: jbsmith@camtc.org. These window decals cling to the window without leaving any sticky residue, and can be moved if needed. Great way to announce to your students and public that your school is a CAMTC Approved School!



OF THE MONTH APRIL 2020

WILL THERE BE AN EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT IN 2021?

A. CAMTC doesn't know. Currently, the Legislature suspended the examination requirement for two years until December 31, 2020. It will be up to the Legislature to determine what occurs as of January 1, 2021.

CAMTC does not write or administer its own examination. Rather, CAMTC's Board approves

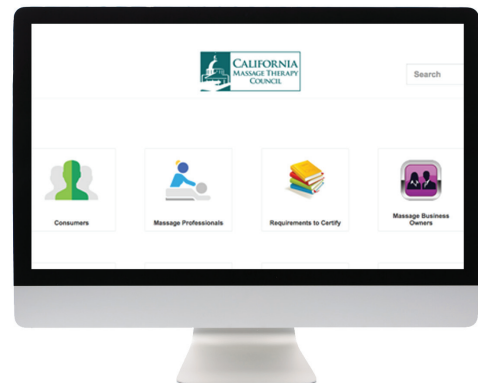
massage and bodywork competency assessment examinations that meet generally recognized psychometric principles and standards, as required by Law. The following are CAMTC's current list of approved exams:

MBLEx, BCETMB, NYSTE, and the NCETM or NCETMB (taken on or before February 1, 2015).

DOCUMENTS IN CHINESE

Based on CAMTC's assessment of contact with non-English speakers, CAMTC now offers in Chinese its publicly available written and electronic materials. These materials are provided to CAMTC Certificate Holders and Applicants when CAMTC determines that such materials are used by a substantial number of non-English speakers who are in contact with CAMTC. This does not apply to examinations, denial and disciplinary legal documents and communications, or email communications.

LANGUAGE TRANSLATIONS ON THE CAMTC WEBSITE



Although it's not new, please note that translations on CAMTC's website into other languages are available at www.camtc.org by using the Google translation feature. At the bottom of each webpage, simply click on "Select Language" to choose your preferred language.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

For School Questions or Comments, Joe Bob Smith,
CAMTC Director of Educational Standards Division,
can be reached at:

jbsmith@camtc.org



MONTHLY SCHOOLS CONFERENCE CALL

The Monthly Schools Conference Call occurs the 1st Wednesday of every month at 2:00pm. **The next call is May 6th, 2020.**

Calls are open to the public, but participation is prioritized for school owners and administrators. Please have your school-related questions ready for the call or email in advance to jbsmith@camtc.org.

WHERE TO FIND SCHOOL APPLICATIONS



Find the **CAMTC Application for Massage Program Re-Approval** and the **CAMTC Application for Change of Staff** on our website at:

<https://www.camtc.org/schools/school-owners-administrators>

Applications for Massage School Approval of new schools or other change applications can be requested; please email Joe Bob Smith at jbsmith@camtc.org.

As a reminder, schools must inform CAMTC of all changes affecting their massage program including, but not limited to, changes to ownership, officers, school name, school address, BPPE approval, curriculum, instructors, and administrators.

ATTEND A MEETING



The next CAMTC Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, 2020 in Oakland. All meetings are open to the public. Schedules are subject to change.

You can find all current meeting information, as well as minutes and audio for past meetings at:

www.camtc.org/information-about-camtc/meetings/#2020

Missed a CAMTC School Newsletter?

Digital versions of all previous CAMTC School Newsletters can always be found at:

www.camtc.org/information-about-camtc/publications/ and scroll down.

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.

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