

SHIATSU

Minimum Award Level: Equivalent to Certificate IV

Minimum Total Hours	400	Total Core Component Hours	400
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Core Components

Anatomy & Physiology	100 hours
Shiatsu Therapy	145 hours
Supervised Clinical Training	80 hours
Communication	30 hours
Practice Management	30 hours
Safe Practices	15 hours

Notes

Provide First Aid Certificate - required.

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These are the Minimum Education Standards for ATMS Accreditation, however, no training in needling, manipulation, ingestible medication or electrophysical therapies can be included unless otherwise indicated in these Standards. The ATMS Minimum Education Standards are subject to ongoing review and therefore may change at any time without notice.

Anatomy & Physiology

Minimum total hours for this component: 100

Learning Outcomes

- List the fundamentals of cell structure and function
- Demonstrate a knowledge of commonly presenting conditions in a massage clinic
- Demonstrate the ability to use common medical terminology
- Describe homoeostatic mechanisms in the body
- Locate the major bones and muscles on the body
- Demonstrate an understanding of the functions of the major muscle groups
- Demonstrate an understanding of the articular system, classification of joints, types and ranges of motion
- Describe the action of the lymphatic system
- Describe the structure and function of the nervous system and special senses
- Demonstrate an understanding of the structure and function of the major organ systems of the body
- Demonstrate an understanding of basic pathology and symptomatology

Shiatsu Therapy

Minimum total hours for this component: 145

Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate the implementation of a personal health and living strategy with an understanding of “Ki” (Life Force Energy)
- Discuss the development of Shiatsu and its relationship to Oriental philosophy and pathology
- Explain contraindications and cautions when using Shiatsu therapy
- Demonstrate and explain the main styles of Shiatsu, their differences and applications, o.e. Namikoshi, Zen, Barefoot, Classical (Ohashiatsu) and Do-In (selfshiatsu)
- Demonstrate and discuss the use of sitting, side, front and back Shiatsu sequences, and use of fingers, thumbs, palms, elbows, knees and feet
- Demonstrate “Ki” extension and perpendicular pressure appropriate to age and physiological condition of client
- Demonstrate ability to identify “kyo and jitsu” (empty and full) conditions and subsequent “tonification or dispersion” treatment strategies
- Explain “Yin/Yang” principles in relation to Shiatsu therapy
- Demonstrate “Hara” diagnosis, “ampuka” therapy and the role of the hara in Shiatsu
- Discuss the role of the 12 principle Chinese meridians, the 8 extraordinary meridians and formulate a comparison with the Japanese (or Masunaga Zen) meridian system in a Shiatsu framework
- Demonstrate an understanding of Acupressure or “Tsubo therapy”
- Demonstrate an understanding of the “Chinese Clock”, the “5-Elements” and their psycho-emotional correspondences, and the “4-shins” method of diagnosis
- Demonstrate your ability to correctly position your body and distribute your body weight
- Demonstrate your ability to perform Meridian stretches (Makko hos) to stimulate and balance Ki flow, and to assess flexibility and mobility of joints, and limbs
- Demonstrate ability to develop a treatment plan and perform Shiatsu therapy on a range of clients including elderly, infants and pregnant
- Demonstrate ability to educate clients in attaining a health life-style to include dietary recommendations, breathing, relaxation and meditation techniques, corrective exercises and posture, development of a positive attitude



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Supervised Clinical Training

Minimum total hours for this component: 80

Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate the ability to obtain, record and maintain accurate client records
- Perform a Shiatsu health assessment
- Analyse and interpret the information obtained from the client history and the Shiatsu health assessment
- Discuss the treatment strategy with the client including gaining informed consent
- Treat clients using Shiatsu techniques
- Communicate effectively with clients and other health care professionals
- Demonstrate an ability to work in a group practice
- Work effectively in the health industry
- Make referrals to other health care professionals when appropriate
- Demonstrate an ability to administer a practice
- Follow occupational health and safety procedures
- Comply with infection control policies and procedures
- Demonstrate an ability to work within ethico-legal boundaries
- Demonstrate an ability to write a professional report
- Apply first aid if required

Notes

Supervised clinical practice refers to a situation where a student consults with clients, performs an appropriate health assessment, prepares and provides treatment/management plans, in a clinic open to members of the public and while under the supervision or direction of a clinician, tutor or practitioner employed or contracted by the college or institution.

Supervised clinical practice must be undertaken in the presence of a lecturer, tutor, or qualified supervisor who must be physically present at and directly observing at least part of each student consultation. Selection of a clinical practice supervisor is determined by the teaching institution.

ATMS requires that all supervised clinical training be completed by face to face practical training. Supervised clinical practice does not include any unsupervised practice on family, friends or other students, or consultations/treatments provided in a classroom setting.

For Shiatsu at least 80% of the clinic hours must be spent actively assessing and treating clients under supervision (i.e. no more than 20% of the time spent observing, working in reception etc).



Communication

Minimum total hours for this component: 30

Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate effective professional communication skills with staff, clients and other health care professionals.
- Plan and conduct interviews with clients and staff
- Accurately record information from interviews and other contacts
- Develop effective workplace relationships
- Contribute to workgroup activities
- Identify potential conflicts and strategies for their resolution
- Respond effectively to difficult and challenging behaviour
- Observe all legal requirements and ethical boundaries associated with Shiatsu practice

Practice Management

Minimum total hours for this component: 30

Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate an ability to establish and maintain administrative systems for managing a Shiatsu practice
- Identify all legal, financial and insurance requirements in establishing and maintaining a Shiatsu practice
- Demonstrate an ability to conduct the financial administration of a Shiatsu practice
- Establish practice management strategies for marketing, monitoring stock etc
- Demonstrate an ability to administer personnel management strategies
- Demonstrate an ability to establish and follow self-monitoring strategies
- Demonstrate a familiarity with the requirements of relevant professional associations
- Demonstrate regular maintenance of futons

Safe Practices

Minimum total hours for this component: 15

Learning Outcomes

- Follow organisational procedures for hazard identification and risk control
- Contribute to occupational health and safety in the workplace
- Use and implement strategies as directed to prevent infection in the workplace
- Use strategies to prevent work overload
- Work in a safe manner
- Use and implement strategies to prevent manual handling injuries
- Collect, handle, store and manage clinical and other waste in a safe manner
- Clean and disinfect equipment and surfaces
- Demonstrate hygiene management procedures
- Identify and respond to infection risk

