## 2. General Information

**Date**  
11/12/2016

**Department**  
Physical Education & Integrated Health Care

**Course Prefix:**  
MAS

**Course Number:**  
220

**Course Title:**  
Law and Ethics

## 3. Course Information

**Credit Hours**  
2

**Lecture Contact Hours**  
2

**Laboratory Contact Hours**

**Other Contact Hours**

**Catalog Description**  
This course informs the 4th semester student about the legal and ethical aspects for the profession of licensed massage therapist (LMT). Topics included in the course are NYS and national legal standards, professional conduct/misconduct, liability coverage, professional boundaries, confidentiality and informed consent. The business aspects of becoming an LMT will be covered as well, including career opportunities in the massage therapy field and current national statistics, employee vs. self-employed, financial planning, client record-keeping, resumes and cover letters, and working with insurance companies. Students will experience the professional environment of an LMT as well. License requirements for massage therapists in NYS including reviewing the licensing application form and fee schedules will be covered.

**New Analysis Question**

**Prerequisites**  
BIO 165, BIO 171, BIO 172, BIO 265, MAS 110, MAs 117, MAS 210, MAS 211, MAS 215, MAS 245 each with a grade of C or better

**Co-requisites**
MAS 205, MAS 250

Grading Scheme
Letter Grade

This course can be taken more than once for credit

This course is designated as satisfying a requirement in the following SUNY Gen Ed category

First Year Experience

Capstone

4. FLCC Values

College Learning Outcomes Addressed by the Course
Interconnectedness
Perseverance

5. Course Learning Outcomes

Course Learning Outcomes
1. Identify legal requirements to become a licensed massage therapist (LMT) in New York State.
2. Examine regulatory standards and ethical practices required to maintain a professional massage therapy business in New York State and nationally.
3. Create necessary documents for a successful career in the field of therapeutic massage.
4. Evaluate professional boundaries and effective communication in the client/therapist relationship as a massage therapist.

6. Program Affiliation

This course is required as a core program course in the following program(s)
AAS Massage Therapy

8. Outline of Topics Covered

Outline of Topics Covered in Course

New Analysis Question

Outline of Topics Covered
1. Recognize the legal requirements to become an LMT.
2. Identify the regulatory standards for maintaining a license to practice massage therapy in NYS and nationally.
3. Recognize professional misconduct.
4. Learn about liability insurance and U.S. providers of massage therapy liability insurance.
5. Identify career opportunities in Massage Therapy and tools for obtaining employment and/or self-employment.
6. Learn client record management for maintaining a massage practice.
7. Experience the professional environment and practice of an LMT.
8. Understand ethical issues of confidentiality, informed consent, and professional boundaries.
9. Create a professional resume and cover letter for future employment