MISSION STATEMENT AND STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES for Massage Therapy

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Mission Statement

The Massage Therapy program at Southwestern Illinois College is committed to preparing students with the knowledge, skills and attitudes to function as entry level professionals in the field of therapeutic massage and bodywork. In addition to essential manual massage therapy skills, instruction will emphasize the critical thinking skills required to make ethical decisions and sound clinical judgments regarding the client care. The on-going assessment of student learning is an integral component of instruction.

Program/Discipline Curriculum Map

I = Introduce: Student is first exposed to the concept/idea and is requested to apply the concept in a limited scope.
E = Emphasize: Student applies concept(s) in varying/multiple situations of greater complexity than when initially introduced.
R = Reinforce: Student may be expected to understand the concept upon taking the course and utilizes the concept in conjunction with other concepts/ideas to solve problems.

PROGRAM/DISCIPLINE OUTCOMES	***COURSE PREFIX AND NUMBER***														
Graduates of this program/discipline shall be able to:	MT 101	MT 102	MT 190	MT 200	MT 201	MT 202	MT 203	MT 220							
Demonstrate working knowledge of anatomy, physiology, kinesiology, pathology, complementary modalities and therapeutic manual massage techniques in order to create and implement client-centered care plans.	I	IER	ER	E	ER	IER	IER	IER							
Utilize effective interpersonal skills and professional judgement to provide quality care.	I	IE	ER	IE	ER	E	E	E							
Demonstrate an understanding of the business aspects of the practice of massage therapy, including the standards of care for massage therapy.	I	IE	ER	ER	ER	E	E	E							

Map Comments:

Core Competency Map

CORE COMPETENCIES	***COURSE PREFIX AND NUMBER***														
	MT 101	MT 102	MT 190	MT 200	MT 201	MT 202	MT 203	MT 220							
Communication Skills															
1. Computer Literacy					X		X								
2. Oral Communications	X		X												
3. Writing			X	X	X										
Reasoning Skills															
4. Critical Thinking			X		X										
5. Quantitative Literacy			X				X								
Citizenship															
6. Personal Accountability	X	X	X			X		X							
7. Civic And Social Accountability			X												