

International Massage Therapy Bridging Program

Improving Access: An Assessment and Bridging Program for Internationally Educated Massage Therapists

PROJECT

Massage therapy is a regulated health profession in Ontario. The pilot assessment and bridging program is intended to enable newcomer massage therapists to register with the College of Massage Therapists of Ontario (CMTO) and to secure and/or retain employment in their field through the creation of a sustainable assessment and bridging program that provides significant opportunities for strengthening profession-specific language and essential competencies in the workplace; and to conduct research on best practices and disseminate our findings broadly. In addition, the learning objects created will enable currently registered internationally educated massage therapists across Ontario to access language and employment enhancing upgrading and training.

OBJECTIVES

The objective of this diagnostic assessment is to evaluate the knowledge and skills of IEMTs who wish to practice in Ontario, Canada. Based on the results of this process recommendations are made to each candidate regarding which of the various options (immediate access to CMTO certification examination, bridging program, diploma program), s/he would be advised to pursue.

OUTCOMES

The information that was gathered about each candidate as a result of the assessment process was impressive. Upon completion of the diagnostic assessment, a profile was created for each candidate outlining his/her areas of strength and areas needing further education. Recommendations were then made to the candidates with regard to the amount of further education needed in order to be



prepared for the entry-to-practice examinations offered by the College of Massage Therapists of Ontario.

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