

Therapeutic Massage-SLO Assessment, Spring 2013 Results

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Survey Overview

Description

Therapeutic Massage, Spring 2013

Instructions Provided To Respondents

There are four sections in this survey.

- The first section contains two questions about your overall experience in the program. Use this section to identify things you liked, things you would change, and to communicate any other comments about your overall experience in the program. If you have feedback about the instruction or anything else related to the overall program, please address that in one of these questions.
- The second section addresses the college core abilities. The core abilities are overall skills that all graduates should acquire during their experience at Western. Focus on yourself in this section.
- The third section addresses the specific outcomes for your program. Please focus on yourself in this section.
- The conclusion provides a comment section for any additional information you would like to share about your experience with your program and Western Technical College.

Thank you for completing this survey.

Respondent Metrics

Respondents: 5
First Response: 4/29/2013 07:46 AM
Last Response: 5/1/2013 11:52 PM

Survey Results

The following is a tabular depiction of the responses to each survey question. Additional comments provided by respondents, if any, are included after each table.

Section - General Overview of Program

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We appreciate your feedback, comments and suggestions. The information you provide will strengthen our program. Thank you.

1. What did you like about this program?

I really enjoyed the small class size. It gave us the ability to really get to know our classmates and build good relationships. I also enjoyed being able to work on each other and have the hands on learning in the classroom. (0000000473 Anonymous)

I really liked the thorough anatomical coverage of the body which gave us crucial information for future practice. I also liked the extensive hands-on experience we gained working on each other as well as the public during clinic. Our service-learning experience was also a beneficial and informative educational opportunity. (0000000359 Anonymous)

It was nice to be able to get to know others in the class so well. (0000000472 Anonymous)

Learning new techniques that you can help your clients with. (0000000474 Anonymous)

The field of Massage Therapy. (0000000471 Anonymous)

2. What would you change about this program?

Certain courses need a better organizational implementation. (0000000359 Anonymous)

Having a different facility with more private rooms when it comes time for clinic. The space we have is nice, but having clients in the main room area is a bit of a hassle. Also it would be nice to have classes earlier in the day. It is nice for people that have a full time job during the day to still be able to have class after, but it takes away time to have a social life. I personally live in the dorms and my day wouldn't start until after everyone else's is over. It made it really difficult to get to know my roommates better. (0000000473 Anonymous)

I would love to learn hot stone and more aromatherapy. I'm also not sure how I feel about the times that classes are offered. - The times make it difficult for those of us (which is most of us) who work. (0000000472 Anonymous)

Instructor getting grades posted faster (0000000474 Anonymous)

Restructuring the program so that big projects aren't explained at the end and expected to be completed in a short amount of time along with other smaller assignment that we are informed about last minute. Extremely frustrating! Also still not receiving grades back for projects completed and due for over a 2 month time. I would really like to see these and when asking the instructor she says she will get them to us the next week but never does. Always comments about posting this to blackboard but then nothing is

posted... Again very frustrated with all this and feel it is disrespectful to make the student do all this work and not get us our grades! (000000471 Anonymous)

Section - Western Technical College Core Abilities

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This section addresses the college core abilities. The core abilities are overall skills that all graduates should acquire during their experience at Western. Focus on yourself in this segment. As a result of this program:

3. I have learned effective communication skills.

100% 5 Yes

4. Comments on effective communication skills.

Aspects of the therapeutic relationship were covered in detail, and we had practice in actual communication with clients. (000000359 Anonymous)

Did prior to this program (000000471 Anonymous)

I feel my communication skills were up to par before beginning this program. (000000472 Anonymous)

5. I am able to apply mathematical concepts.

60.0% 3 Yes
40.0% 2 No

6. Comments on application of mathematical concepts.

Doesn't really apply to what I am going to school for. (000000474 Anonymous)

I can apply mathematical concepts due to prior classes at a different school, but not necessarily due to anything I learned in this program. (000000472 Anonymous)

N/A (000000359 Anonymous)

Same (000000471 Anonymous)

We didn't have to take any math. (000000473 Anonymous)

7. I learned how to transfer social and natural science theories into practical applications.

100% 5 Yes

8. Comments on transferring social and natural science theories into practical applications.

Same (000000471 Anonymous)

9. I learned critical thinking skills.

100% 5 Yes

10. Comments on critical thinking skills.

It is essential to be able to assess each client based on pre-existing diagnoses, palpation, visual, and verbal information. This information allows one to implement an appropriate treatment plan tailored to each client. (000000359 Anonymous)

Same (000000471 Anonymous)

11. I have learned to use technology effectively.

100% 5 Yes

12. Comments on effective use of technology.

Same (000000471 Anonymous)

This program does not really technology related. (000000472 Anonymous)

13. I have learned to value myself and work ethically with others in a diverse population.

100% 5 Yes

14. Comments on valuing self and working ethically in a diverse population.

Same (000000471 Anonymous)

15. I am able to make decisions that incorporate the importance of sustainability.

100% 5 Yes

16. Comments on incorporating the importance of sustainability.

Same (000000471 Anonymous)

Section - Specific Program Outcomes
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This section addresses the specific outcomes for your program. Please focus on yourself in this section. As a result of this program, I learned to:

17. Apply appropriate therapeutic massage techniques according to a client's condition/needs.

100% 5 Yes

18. Comments about learning this program outcome.

I feel like I didn't learn anything "new" during the 2nd semester of the program, and would've appreciated more focus on deep tissue techniques. - Especially how to apply them safely as I found myself getting sore and tired. The majority of the time that we worked on clients during the 2nd semester, our instructor was in her office instead of observing our body mechanics. (000000472 Anonymous)

19. Implement knowledge of human anatomy, pathology and kinesiology in the practice of therapeutic massage.

100% 5 Yes

20. Comments about learning this program outcome.

Scott's musculoskeletal and kinesiology classes were very informative. (000000472 Anonymous)

21. Apply knowledge of assessment criteria in order to adapt massage to a diverse population.

100% 5 Yes

22. Comments about learning this program outcome.**23. Recognize and apply knowledge of contraindications of massage for the client's condition.**

100% 5 Yes

24. Comments about learning this program outcome.

Yes and no. I feel that we should've covered pregnancy massage in more detail, for example. We basically learned how to drape/pillow someone in a side-lying position and that was it. (000000472 Anonymous)

25. Educate client on post massage care (use of hot/cold, stretching, hydration, etc.)

80.0% 4 Yes

20.0% 1 No

26. Comments about learning this program outcome.

We could have used more information on this topic. (000000359 Anonymous)

We didn't go into post massage care in any detail. (000000472 Anonymous)

27. Implement universal health precautions for infection control in the massage environment.

100% 5 Yes

28. Comments about learning this program outcome.**29. Practice within the massage therapy scope of practice.**

100% 5 Yes

30. Comments about learning this program outcome.**31. Maintain the professional and ethical standards as set by the State of Wisconsin, professional organizations and/or the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork.**

100% 5 Yes

32. Comments about learning this program outcome.**Section - Conclusion****Instructions Provided To Respondents**

Please use this space to share any other feedback, comments, or suggestions about your experience at Western Technical College.

33. Comments

I loved the science classes and really learned a lot. - Plus, we were always on task and always knew where we stood. I was bothered by the fact that we were always behind what the syllabus said we were doing for the core massage classes. - Inevitably this meant that we had a lot dumped on us at once at times, and I think Jeanne failed to recognize that many of us have busy lives and can't just drop what we are doing to

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complete a last-minute assignment without proper and fair notice. (For example, asking us to read a 188 pg book in a week.) We were also never given grades in a timely manner. It is currently the 2nd to last week of the school year and we still do not have grades from our last 8 week massage class. Because our instructor spent so much time in her office, I'm not really understanding why grades have not been entered into Blackboard. She occasionally will make promises that grades will be posted, but never follows through. I would rather be told that she doesn't have time than lied to. On a positive note, I do like our instructor on a personal level and I believe that she is a talented massage therapist, I just don't think she puts teaching as her top priority. I also don't feel like these assessments or end of the semester instructor evaluations even get read, because these are all the same issues that many of us complained about the ONE time we were able to do an evaluation first semester, and nothing changed for the better. Overall I will say that I am grateful WTC offers this program, because there is no way I would ever spend the money to do this at Globe. I just wish Jeanne was a bit more organized and on top of things. Especially considering that she has two TA's helping her out! (000000472 Anonymous)

Jeanie is a good Instructor but needs to be a little more organized and post grades to the students faster. (000000474 Anonymous)