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Essential Functions of MT Students

All students in the Lake Land College Massage Therapy program must be able to perform diverse, complex, and specific functions and skills. These qualifications are essential for successful completion of the requirements of the program and are necessary to ensure the health and safety of patients, peers, faculty and other healthcare providers. The essential qualifications include but are not limited to the following abilities:

MOTOR SKILLS

1. The ability to perform full range of motion of joints and fine motor movements of the hands.
2. The ability to elicit information from clients by palpation, observation, auscultation, and other assessment methods.
3. The ability to execute movements required to provide a massage to a client in all health care settings including emergency treatment: e.g. transferring, lifting and turning patients, assisting client in activities of daily living and providing cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
4. The ability to push or pull an occupied wheelchair.

SENSORY/OBSERVATION/COMMUNICATION

1. The ability to observe a client accurately at a distance and close at hand. This requires functional use of the senses of vision and hearing.
2. The ability to perceive the signs of disease and infection as manifested through physical examination, including from images of the body surfaces, palpable changes and auditory information.
3. The ability to observe non-verbal communications when performing an assessment and massage.
4. The ability to use spoken and written English to communicate in a coherent manner and the ability to convey or exchange information with individuals of all professions and societal levels.
5. The ability to process and communicate information on the client's status with accuracy in a timely manner to members of the health care team.

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6. The ability to navigate through different computer software.

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT/BEHAVIOURAL

1. The ability to utilize intellectual abilities, exercise good judgment, and promptly complete all responsibilities relevant to the massage and care of a client.
2. The ability to maintain mature, sensitive, and effective relationships with clients, faculty, staff and other professionals under all circumstances.
3. The ability to recognize that one's own values, attitudes, beliefs, emotions, and experiences affect one's perceptions and relationships with others.
4. The ability to function effectively under stress and to adapt to an environment that may change rapidly without warning and/or in unpredictable ways.
5. The ability to learn and abide by professional standards of practice.
6. The ability to engage in client care delivery in all settings and be able to deliver care to all client populations.
7. The ability to respond in an emotionally controlled manner in learning situations and emergencies.