

# TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM OF GEORGIA

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS DIVISION – OFFICE OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION

## INFORMATION TICKET

Date: 2/13/2024

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Process	Action Required
<input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum Revision	<input type="checkbox"/> Notify Appropriate Personnel
<input type="checkbox"/> Course Revision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Submit Vote
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probe Notice	Submit Vote by: 3/8/2024
<input type="checkbox"/> Probe Feedback	<input type="checkbox"/> Notify Faculty and Administration
<input type="checkbox"/> Probe Outcome	<input type="checkbox"/> Information Only
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

**PAS Group Title/PAS Code: Physical Therapist Assistant/0920**

Program Standard Title/Major Code(s) and/or Course Standard Title/Course Code(s):	
Therapeutic Massage Therapy/TM11	Fundamental of Massage I/THMT 1001
Neuromuscular Massage Therapy/NM21	Technique and Theory I/THMT 1002
	Anatomy and Physiology I/THMT 1004
	Anatomy and Physiology II/THMT 1003
	Pathology for Massage Therapist/THMT 1006
	Fundamental of Massage II/THMT 1101
	Technique and Theory II/THMT 1102
	Anatomy and Physiology III/NEUT 1005
	Neural Science/NEUT 1010
	Techniques and Theory III/NEUT 1080
	Clinic/NEUT 1120

### TICKET INFORMATION:

Due to the new Administrative Capability of federal regulations, clock-hour regulated programs must be reviewed to ensure programs are meeting the clock-hour requirement and positively impacting gainful employment guidelines. Based on these new regulations, the Therapeutic/Neuromuscular Massage Therapy IFCC met on January 11th, January 17th, and January 22nd to discuss the reduction of their current standards programs to meet the 500-clock hour requirement. The TM11: Therapeutic Massage Therapy (201312) program has 780 contact hours and 32 credit hours. The NT12: Neuromuscular Massage Therapist (201412) program has 1,271 contact hours and 56 credit hours.

The NT13: Neuromuscular Massage Therapist (201512) program has 1,466 contact hours and 65 credit hours. Based on discussions within the IFCC meetings, it was determined that the only program that truly leads to the initial licensure requirements set by the GA Board of Massage Therapy is the TM11 program. The NT12 and NT13 programs are considered specialization programs and provide an additional certification. The IFCC has agreed upon the following revisions,

**TM11: Therapeutic Massage Therapy (202412)**

THMT 1001: Fundamental of Massage I (3hrs)  
THMT 1002: Technique and Theory I (4hrs)  
THMT 1003: Anatomy & Physiology II (3hrs)  
THMT 1004: Anatomy & Physiology I (3hrs)  
THMT 1006: Pathology for Massage Therapist (2hrs)  
THMT 1101: Fundamental of Massage II (4hrs)  
THMT 1102: Technique and Theory II (4hrs)  
Total: 512 Contact Hrs/23 Credit Hrs

**NM21: Neuromuscular Massage Therapy (202412)**

THMT 1001: Fundamental of Massage I (3hrs)  
THMT 1002: Technique and Theory I (4hrs)  
THMT 1003: Anatomy & Physiology II (3hrs)  
THMT 1004: Anatomy & Physiology I (3hrs)  
THMT 1006: Pathology for Massage Therapist (2hrs)  
THMT 1101: Fundamental of Massage II (4hrs)  
THMT 1102: Technique and Theory II (4hrs)  
NEUT 1005: Anatomy and Physiology III (4hrs)  
NEUT 1010: Neural Science (4hrs)  
NEUT 1080: Technique and Theory III (3hrs)  
NEUT 1120: Clinic (2hrs)  
Total: 857 Contact Hrs/36 Credit Hrs

The THMT courses within the TM11: Therapeutic Massage Therapy TCC meet the clock hour requirement set by the GA Board of Massage Therapy for obtaining licensure as a Massage Therapist. For colleges wanting to continue to offer the Neuromuscular Massage Therapy program and eliminate students enrolling within separate programs, the THMT courses within the TM11 TCC have been embedded within the NM21 program.

Furthermore, the NM21 TCC program has been embedded within a newly created Associate of Applied Science in Allied Health Professions (AAS-AHP) degree program to continue allowing colleges to offer an Associate Degree for the Neuromuscular Massage Therapy program. Ultimately, the changes to the programs will continue to ensure that the programs remain within the required regulations for Pell eligibility. After completing the proposed revisions set by the IFCC, Sasha met with the VPAAAs and Allied Health Deans offering these programs on February 7th to review and discuss the proposed changes. They agreed with the changes and approved to move forward with a PROBE.

In closing, based on deadlines set by federal regulations, colleges offering these programs have a voting window of 2 weeks in order to meet approval for the April State Board. All votes must be submitted by ***Friday, March 8th.***