

Professional Practice in Aotearoa

Assessment Tasks

The assessment for Professional Practice is a single integrated assessment task. The final submission for this task must be made by the date listed below.

Task	Task name	Due date(s)	Weighting
1	Professional Practice	30 Oct, 2009	100%

You will be given written feedback on completion of the written assignments.

If you are unsuccessful the resit policy will be applied.

Resources

Class notes & readings

Bill Robertson Library

Textbooks

Internet

Professional Practice in Aotearoa

Explain the meaning of the articles of the treaty of Waitangi, their historical context and their significance to health practice in New Zealand

Reflect on ethical principles relevant to massage practice

Consider legal requirements relevant to massage practice in New Zealand

Discuss the place of supervision and multi-disciplinary work within New Zealand

Discuss issues of sustainability and how they relate to massage practice

Professional Practice

As a student in this programme you are required to answer the following question

What does it mean to be a massage therapy healthcare professional?

You will be provided with lectures and reading material to help you investigate different aspects of this question. In addition you are expected to locate your own sources of information relevant to the topic and to engage in reflective blogging. If you use your fellow students blogs as information sources, you are expected to reference them just like any other source.

Formative blogging

It is recommended that you make a post on how each of the following topics relates to practice as a massage healthcare professional by the dates listed below.

No.	Formative blogging topic	Due
1	Scope of practice as defined by Massage New Zealand	8 May, 2009
2	The Treaty of Waitangi	25 May, 2009
3	Ethics	14 Aug, 2009
4	Sustainability	21 Aug, 2009
5	Legalities	25 Sep, 2009
6	Professional development, reflective practice & supervision	23 Oct, 2009
7	Multi-disciplinary work	30 Oct, 2009

During the course of the semester your lecturer will provide you with details of what is expected to be included in the individual blog posts. It is expected that you will maintain good academic form, will reference your sources, will reflect on how this relates to your practice, and will both refer to others blogs and comment on others blogs.

At a date which may be the due date, or may be up to a week later, your lecturer will review the posts of the class, and will give you feedback on any material which is not sufficient to meet the course requirements. This is the equivalent of a resubmission in other courses.

If you have not completed your post before the due date you will not get this feedback from your lecturer.

Summative blog post

Due: 13 November, 2009

On or before the due date you must either make a post to your blog or send an email to your lecturer. This post/email must contain links to the blog posts and/or comments that you have made which both demonstrates your understanding of the initial question, and also demonstrates that you have met the learning outcomes for this course.

1. Explain the meaning of the articles of the treaty of Waitangi, their historical context and their significance to health practice in New Zealand
2. Reflect on ethical principles relevant to massage practice
3. Consider legal requirements relevant to massage practice in New Zealand
4. Discuss the place of supervision and multi-disciplinary work in professional practice
5. Describe professional development options for therapists within New Zealand
6. Discuss issues of sustainability and how they relate to massage practice

It is recommended that your post/email contains a heading for each of the above learning outcomes with links to the post(s) and/or comment(s) which demonstrate this understanding.

Grading of the posts

All posts apart from the first will be graded in reference to the blogging rubric found at http://docs.google.com/Doc?id=dg6fsk9v_60g4rkd6tj

At a date which may be the due date, or may be up to a week later, your blog post will be assessed for comprehension of key ideas. To meet competency, your post must be graded at a minimum of 2 on the blog rubric *understanding* scale. You will be given feedback at this stage as to whether your post will meet the competency criteria or not.

These individual posts will not be regraded.

Your final mark will be based on your summative blog post. Please take care to ensure that you have included links to all relevant material. Failing to include a significant blog post could lead to a grade of not competent.

The assessment schedule for this assessment task shows how marks towards a merit will be assigned based on an allocation of marks between the learning outcomes.