

# STATEMENT OF SCOPE

## MASSAGE THERAPY AND BODYWORK THERAPY AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD

**Rule No.:** MTBT 3

**Relating to:** Education

**Rule Type:** Permanent

**1. Finding/nature of emergency (Emergency Rule only): N/A**

**2. Detailed description of the objective of the proposed rule:**

The objective of the proposed rule is to update Wisconsin Administrative Code ch. MTBT 3 to align it with current practice in the profession regarding education.

**3. Description of the existing policies relevant to the rule, new policies proposed to be included in the rule, and an analysis of policy alternatives:**

Currently, MTBT 3.01 outlines requirements for approved training programs for massage therapy or bodywork therapy licensure applicants. The Board will review and revise these requirements as needed to align them with current practice standards in the profession and in accordance with the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards.

**4. Detailed explanation of statutory authority for the rule (including the statutory citation and language):**

s. 15.085 (5) (b), Stats. states that "[each affiliated credentialing board] shall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains, and define and enforce professional conduct and unethical practices not inconsistent with the law relating to the particular trade or profession."

s. 460.04 (2) (b), Stats. states that the affiliated credentialing board shall promulgate rules that establish "criteria for approving a training program for purposes of s. 460.05 (1) (e) 1. Rules promulgated under this paragraph shall require the training program to meet the requirements under s. 460.095 and to consist of at least 600 classroom hours."

**5. Estimate of amount of time that state employees will spend developing the rule and of other resources necessary to develop the rule:**

80 hours

**6. List with description of all entities that may be affected by the proposed rule:**

Individuals looking to enter the massage therapy and bodywork therapy profession and obtain licensure in Wisconsin.

**7. Summary and preliminary comparison with any existing or proposed federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule:** None.

**8. Anticipated economic impact of implementing the rule (note if the rule is likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses):**

The proposed rule is likely to have minimal or no economic impact on small businesses and the state's economy as a whole.

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