



National University of Health Sciences General Policies

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POLICY STATEMENT

The massage therapy program at National University of Health Sciences (NUHS) has four options from which to choose. The same massage courses and schedule are used in each option. The student must select or declare which option they are choosing before beginning the program.

Procedure

Certification Program: The certificate program is measured in clock hours. Financial aid is available to those who qualify at the certificate rate. The certificate program is accredited by the Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation and the Higher Learning Commission, the regional institutional accrediting body for higher education.

Certificate Program and Subsequent AAS: General education finished upon entry. Students may declare to enter the certificate program even if they meet the additional requirements for the AAS degree. Financial aid is available to those who qualify at the certificate rate. Upon completion of the certificate program, the student may elect to transfer their successfully completed general education course credits (note under AAS Degree Program) to NUHS and also receive an AAS degree.

Certificate Program and Subsequent AAS: General education not finished upon entry. Students may elect to enroll in general education courses at a regionally accredited institution of higher education during or after completing the certificate program and subsequently transfer those credits to NUHS for the AAS degree. Students have five (5) years from the date of completing the certificate program to transfer all of the successfully completed general education course credits (noted below) to NUHS for the AAS degree. The courses and credits are evaluated by NUHS staff for acceptance.

AAS Degree Program: The AAS degree program is measured in credit hours. Financial aid is available to those who qualify at the degree rate (all rules are listed in the undergraduate BS degree section of the bulletin apply). The AAS degree program is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, the regional institutional accrediting body for higher education. The AAS degree program is accredited by the Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation. Students must meet the additional entrance requirement of having successfully completed a minimum of 33 credit hours of general education courses at a regionally accredited institution of higher education prior to entering the massage program. The courses and credits are evaluated by NUHS staff for acceptance.

The following general education courses must be transferred to the University either before or after completing the Massage Therapy Certification Program:

6 credits of English Composition, 3 credits of Public Speaking, 12 credits of Arts of Humanities (language, literature) or Social Studies (history, civics, geography). There must be a two-semester sequence of courses in at least one area. 6 credits of Social science (sociology, anthropology or political science, economics or business, 3 credits of General Psychology and 3 credits of Math (algebra minimum).