# DENTAL ASSISTING & DENTAL ASSISTING BLENDED

#### **OBJECTIVES**

Objectives and course descriptions are the same for both programs.

Dental Assistants perform a variety of duties in a dental office. In the front office they may schedule and confirm appointments, welcome patients to the office, send bills, process payments, and inventory supplies.

Dental Assistants assist the dentist during the examination and treatment of patients by handing required instruments

to the dentist and using suction or other instruments to keep the patients mouth clear. Dental Assistants prepare instrument trays and assist patients with dental health care. Some Dental Assistants will make dental impressions, remove sutures, and apply anesthetics to the gums and cavity preventatives to teeth. Dental Assistants must be reliable, work well with others and have good manual dexterity.

CPR Certification is included as part of program fees for all programs and classes are conducted on-campus.

Hepatitis B Titer testing for students enrolled in the Dental Assisting and Dental Assisting Blended programs is included as part of the program fees and testing is scheduled at Northwestern Medicine facility or on-campus when available.



#### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Dental Assistant Dental Biller/Coder Oral Surgery Assistant
Dental Office Manager Dental Receptionist Orthodontic Assistant

For additional information about dental assisting careers use o\*net code 31-9091 at www.onetonline.org.

DENTAL ASSISTING & DENTAL ASSISTING BLENDED (50 WEEK PROGRAM)		*CLOCK HRS	FINANCIAL QTR. CREDITS	ACADEMIC QTR. CREDITS
	Dental Assisting Principles	50 hrs	2 cr.	3 cr.
	Dental Assisting Principles Lecture	25 hrs		
	Dental Assisting Principles Lab	15 hrs		
	Outside Class Work	10 hrs		
<b>DEN:102</b>	Anatomy and Physiology for Dental Assistants	50 hrs	2 cr.	3 cr.
	Anatomy and Physiology for Dental Assistants Lecture	25 hrs		
	Anatomy and Physiology for Dental Assistants Lab	15 hrs		
	Outside Class Work	10 hrs		
<b>DEN:103</b>	Head and Neck Anatomy	50 hrs	2 cr.	3 cr.
	Head and Neck Anatomy Lecture	25 hrs		
	Head and Neck Anatomy Lab	15 hrs		
	Outside Class Work	10 hrs		
<b>DEN:104</b>	Infection Control	50 hrs	2 cr.	3 cr.
	Infection Control Lecture	25 hrs		
	Infection Control Lab	15 hrs		
	Outside Class Work	10 hrs		

DENTAL ASSISTING & DENTAL ASSISTING BLENDED (50 WEEK PROGRAM)		*CLOCK HRS	FINANCIAL QTR. CREDITS	ACADEMIC QTR. CREDITS
DEN:105	Dental Health and Safety	50 hrs	2 cr.	3 cr.
	Dental Health and Safety Lecture	25 hrs		
	Dental Health and Safety Lab	15 hrs		
	Outside Class Work	10 hrs		
<b>DEN:106</b>	Embryology, Histology, and Tooth Morphology	50 hrs	2 cr.	3 cr.
	Embryology, Histology & Tooth Morphology Lecture	25 hrs		
	Embryology, Histology & Tooth Morphology Lab	15 hrs		
	Outside Class Work	10 hrs		
DEN:107	Chair Side Assisting I	50 hrs	2 cr.	3 cr.
	Chair Side Assisting I Lecture	25 hrs		
	Chair Side Assisting I Lab	15 hrs		
	Outside Class Work	10 hrs		
DEN:108	Chair Side Assisting II	50 hrs	2 cr.	3 cr.
	Chair Side Assisting II Lecture	25 hrs		
	Chair Side Assisting II Lab	15 hrs		
	Outside Class Work	10 hrs		
DEN:109	Dental Radiology	50 hrs	2 cr.	3 cr.
	Dental Radiology Lecture	25 hrs		
	Dental Radiology Lab	15 hrs		
	Outside Class Work	10 hrs		
DEN:110	Laboratory Procedures I	50 hrs	2 cr.	3 cr.
	Laboratory Procedures I Lecture	25 hrs		
	Laboratory Procedures I Lab	15 hrs		
	Outside Class Work	10 hrs		
DEN:111	Laboratory Procedures II	50 hrs	2 cr.	3 cr.
	Laboratory Procedures II Lecture	25 hrs		
	Laboratory Procedures II Lab	15 hrs		
	Outside Class Work	10 hrs		
DEN:112	Oral Surgery and Periodontics	50 hrs	2 cr.	3 cr.
	Oral Surgery and Periodontics Lecture	25 hrs		
	Oral Surgery and Periodontics Lab	15 hrs		
	Outside Class Work	10 hrs		
DEN:113	Dental Specialties and Pediatrics	50 hrs	2 cr.	3 cr.
	Dental Specialties and Pediatrics Lecture	25 hrs		
	Dental Specialties and Pediatrics Lab	15 hrs		
	Outside Class Work	10 hrs		

DENTAL ASSISTING & DENTAL ASSISTING BLENDED (50 WEEK PROGRAM)	*CLOCK HRS	FINANCIAL QTR. CREDITS	ACADEMIC QTR. CREDITS
DEN:114 Endodontics and Orthodontics	50 hrs	2 cr.	3 cr.
Endodontics and Orthodontics Lecture Endodontics and Orthodontics Lab Outside Class Work	25 hrs 15 hrs 10 hrs		
DEN:115 Clinical Dental Assisting I	50 hrs	2 cr.	2 cr.
Clinical Dental Assisting I Lab Outside Class Work	40 hrs 10 hrs		
DEN:116 Clinical Dental Assisting II	50 hrs	2 cr.	2 cr.
Clinical Dental Assisting II Lab Outside Class Work	40 hrs 10 hrs		
DEN:117 Externship	120 hrs	4.80 cr.	4 cr.
Total	920 hrs	36.80 cr.	50.00 cr.

NOTE: The classes above do not necessarily represent the order in which the classes are delivered. Scrubs are required for all classes on-campus.

<sup>\*</sup>Clock hours above include outside class work. The Dental Assisting and Dental Assisting Blended programs without outside class work is 760 hours.

O First Institute's blended programs share the same curricular objectives and expected learning outcomes as the on-campus programs. Blended program courses will be offered online and on-campus as identified on the student schedule. Blended program students must perform the hands-on skills at the same competency level as on-campus programs prior to beginning externship.

## DENTAL ASSISTING PRINCIPLES

**DEN:101** 

This course is an introduction to dental assisting. Topics include the history of dentistry, professional, legal, and ethical responsibilities of the dental assistant, HIPAA regulations, professionalism, communication skills, job duties, career opportunities and resume writing. Students will gain an understanding of various administrative procedures, including appointment scheduling, telephone etiquette, dental records management and inventory control. Students will learn about the concepts of communication in the dental profession and how communication has a direct impact on the workplace. Students will create a resume and cover letter.

## ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY DEN:102 FOR DENTAL ASSISTANTS

This course is designed to familiarize students with the directional terms, regions, and regions of the basic anatomy and physiology of the face and oral cavity, and the relationship and interaction of these body systems in relation to dental treatment. The dental assisting student will learn pharmacology and drugs associated with treating diseases: the importance of reference texts relating to pharmacology and drug enforcement, and their use in dentistry; related terms; and parts of a prescription. Students will learn preparedness in dealing with common medical and dental emergencies, and be familiar with the necessary contents of an office emergency kit. The student will also learn pro-cedures for handling medical emergencies in the dental office including a patient with syncope, anaphylaxis, asthma attacks, hyperventilation, seizures, hypoglycemia, and angina pectoris.

#### HEAD AND NECK ANATOMY DEN:103

Anatomical emphasis is placed on the head and neck including a detailed study of bony landmarks, muscular, circulatory, and nervous systems as well as landmarks of the face and oral cavity. Students learn the clinical significance of head and neck structures as they pertain to oral health and dental hygiene. Upon completion, students will be able to identify cranial and facial bones, muscles of mastication, facial features, bones and landmarks of the hard palate, salivary glands and lymph nodes, nerves of the maxilla and the mandible, and arteries and veins of the head and neck. The anatomical structures that make up the Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ), movements of the joint and clinical concerns associated with the TMJ.

#### Infection Control

**DEN:104** 

This course introduces fundamental microbiology, infectious diseases, immunity, and infection control in the dental office. Topics include infection control and disinfection techniques for patient and occupational protection, disease transmission and prevention for healthcare settings. Upon completion, students will understand the proper methods for hand washing, use of PPEs, placement and removal of surface barriers, and treatment room cleaning and disinfection. Students will gain knowledge of in aspects of cleaning, disinfecting and sterilization within the dental setting. Proper maintenance of dental waterlines will be explained. These methods will be practiced on-campus once they return to the classroom and lab.

### DENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY DEN:105

In this course, the dental assisting student will learn infection control standards including the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Bloodborne Pathogens Standard and Hazardous Communication Standard to manage biohazardous waste and hazardous materials, such as engineering controls, labeling, safety data sheets (SDSs), housekeeping, laundry, and the disposal of hazardous materials. Students will learn compliance with regulations regarding infectious disease control, training requirements, maintenance of records, and the importance of asepsis management to ensure a safe work-place in the dental office.

## EMBRYOLOGY, HISTOLOGY DEN:106 & TOOTH MORPHOLOGY

This course introduces oral embryology, histology, and tooth morphology. Emphasis will be placed on tooth and root morphology, and embryological and histological correlations to provide a foundation essential for understanding dental health. Overview of the dentitions, oral diagnosis, and treatment planning will be explained. Upon completion, students will be able to identify the structures and forms of the human teeth and their location in the mouth as well as the eruption schedule and function of each tooth in the primary and permanent dentition. Students will also be able to define cavity classifications and identify charting symbols as they apply for accurate dentition charting of teeth, existing and/or needed restorative treatment and conditions.

#### CHAIR SIDE ASSISTING I

**DEN:107** 

In this course students will learn how preparation for patient care is an important part of providing quality dental service to each patient. This includes obtaining personal, medical, and dental history, reviewing the information, and alerting the dentist to any areas of concern. Students will learn how to contribute to the patient's preparation by learning how to obtain vital signs. Students will learn about dental office design; the treatment rooms and dental equipment; routine office care, including opening and closing the dental office; how to prepare the treatment room; how to seat and dismiss patients: ergonomics for the operator and assistant; and working with patients with special needs. Students will be introduced to the principles of chair-side assisting, which include chair-side responsibilities, instrument identification, tray setups, four-handed techniques, and sequences of general dentistry procedures.

#### CHAIR SIDE ASSISTING II DEN:108

In this course, the student will learn about instrument grasps and transfer, as well as methods to maintain a clear operating field in the oral cavity. Techniques for moisture control and isolation, the dental dam, the dental dam for the pediatric patient, and alternatives to the full dental dam placement are addressed. Students will become familiar with the methods used to manage pain and anxiety related to dental procedures, topical anesthetics, and their placement, and types of local anesthetics used in dentistry. Steps for preparing anesthetic administration, injection sites, materials and equipment required, the role of nitrous oxide sedation, and administration will be discussed. Students will learn the properties, composition, and manipulation of dental amalgam. The dental assisting student will be able to identify the armamentarium and steps of an amalgam procedure, explain the composition of composite resins, explain the properties and manipulation of various composite restorations, and explain the use of glass ionomer, resin, resin-enforced glass ionomer, and compomer restorative materials. This course also covers the advanced functions of matrix and wedge, and matrix band.

## DENTAL RADIOLOGY DEN:109

This course is designed to introduce the essential skills of radiographic techniques for the practice of dentistry including theory and technique of oral radiography, radiation hygiene and safety, quality assurance, infection control, anatomical landmarks, and methods and materials for processing radiographs using film and digital radiology. Students will learn how to produce diagnostically acceptable intra oral radiographs with emphasis on film and digital sensor placement, cone angulations, exposing and developing radiographs, and mounting and evaluating processed films. Students will learn about extraoral radiographs; radiographic interpretation; imaging systems/digital imaging systems; digital radiography in the dental office; three-dimensional imaging in dentistry; and handheld intraoral radiography.

### LABORATORY PROCEDURES I DEN:110

In this course, the dental assisting student will learn the types of restorative materials and cements used in general dentistry, the standards and organizations responsible for those standards, the role of the dental assistant in chairside restorative procedures. and the properties of dental materials. Students will be able to list the types of materials and cements used to restore teeth, describe the use of bonding agents and their proper manipulation, identify types of direct restorative materials, and list the steps in cavity preparation. Placement of cavity liners, cavity varnish, and cement bases are also discussed. The student will learn to identify the materials used in the dental laboratory and to perform associated procedures, demonstrate knowledge and skills required to prepare, take, and remove alginate impressions, elastomeric impression materials, and polyether impression material for the dentist. The student will also learn skills required to mix and manipulate gypsum products, pour, and trim impressions for diag-nostic casts, understand the use of a dental articulator, identify different classifications and uses of dental waxes. Students will be able to understand the skills required to fabricate acrylic tray resin, custom trays, vacuumformed and thermoplastic custom trays, how to contour prefabricated temporary crowns, and fabricate and custom fit temporary restorations.

## LABORATORY PROCEDURES II DEN:111

In this course, the dental assisting student will learn the scope of fixed prosthodontics, the recommendations for various types of prostheses, and their functions. Students will learn the materials used in the fabrication of fixed prostheses. Techniques for retention of prostheses, implants,

and techniques for maintaining fixed prosthetic appliances are taught. The use of computerized impression technology and corresponding restorative treatment systems will be explained. The advanced function of gingival retraction in restorative dentistry is explained. The student will learn the scope and fundamentals of cosmetic dentistry. Restorative types and material options are described. Tooth whitening in dentistry is discussed. Causes of tooth stain, whitening techniques and equipment/materials associated with teeth whitening are reviewed. The student will understand the fundamentals of over-thecounter whitening options versus professional whitening treatments. The choices of removable prosthodontics are explained. Students will learn the steps in diagnosis and materials required for fabrication along with the advantages/ disadvantages of partial, full, immediate and over dentures. Polishing, relining, and repair of removable prosthetics are reviewed.

## ORAL SURGERY & PERIODONTICS

**DEN:112** 

In this course, the dental assisting student will learn an overview of the specialties of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Periodontics. Patient diagnosis and necessary treatment will be explained. The instruments, procedures, and evaluation for patients for each specialty is discussed. The dental assisting student will learn how to prepare the patient for surgical treatment, create tray setups for treatments, explain procedures and postoperative instructions to patients. Students will be able to understand the cause of postsurgical complications and prevention measures. Fundamentals of information regarding oral cancer prevention, diagnosis, biopsies and treatments are described. The scope of dental implants and their place in modern dentistry will be reviewed. Types of dental implants, surgical placement procedures and restorative treatment procedures are explained.

## DENTAL SPECIALTIES & PEDIATRICS

**DEN:113** 

In this course, the dental assisting student is expected to learn about the common dental practices and procedures within the scopes of Preventative Dentistry and Pediatric Dentistry and identifying types of treatments specific to these particular areas. Nutrition and patient preventative

dental care including oral hygiene techniques and recommendations are discussed. The placement of dental sealants as part of preventative dentistry is explained and the patient selection, indications/contraindications and placement procedure are examined. Students will be introduced to coronal polishing and will have a fundamental understanding of the steps of the procedure as well as how to maintain the oral cavity while the procedure is being performed.

## ENDODONTICS & ORTHODONTICS

**DEN:114** 

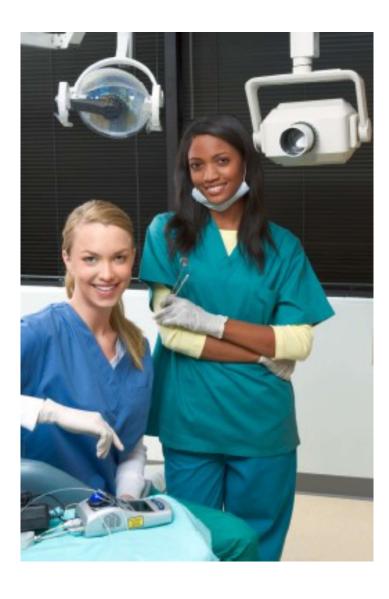
In this course, the dental assisting student will learn about the branch of dentistry that deals with diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the pulp and periapical tissues, endodontic procedures, root canal treatment, and periapical surgical procedures. Students will learn the definition of orthodontics and the orthodontic office setting; define the role of the dental assistant in an orthodontic practice; define and describe occlusion and malocclusion; and identify the causes of malocclusion. The student will learn about preventive, interceptive, and corrective orthodontics. The process of tooth movement is explained. Students learn the importance of the pre -orthodontic and consultation appointments with diagnostic records. Differentiation is made between fixed and removable appliances, the function of basic orthodontic instruments, and stages of treatment. Procedures for both the placement and removing orthodontic appliances is explained and how the teeth are retained in position afterward.

## CLINICAL DENTAL ASSISTING I DEN:115

This course provides students the opportunity to practice the skills learned in a clinical setting. Emphasis is placed on the basic skills of dental assisting and provides the student with hands on dental chair-side assisting and laboratory experience and enables the dental assisting student to practice skills and competencies developed throughout the program. Upon completion, students should also be comfortable demonstrating administrative office procedures and customer service skills.

A continuation of Clinical Dental Assisting I, students continue practicing and refining their proficiency and efficiency with dental assisting skills acquired throughout the program. Fundamental skills of dental assisting are practiced with hands on dental chair-side assisting and laboratory experience and enables the dental assisting student to practice skills and competencies developed throughout the program. Upon completion, students should also be comfortable demonstrating administrative office procedures and customer service skills.

Upon successful completion of all other courses, students conclude their training in the Dental Assisting program with a 120-hour clinical externship. The clinical externship provides students an opportunity to work with patients and staff at a dental office where they will apply the principles and practices learned throughout the program in the classroom and laboratory settings.



# MEDICAL ASSISTING & MEDICAL ASSISTING BLENDED

#### **OBJECTIVES**

Objectives and course descriptions are the same for both programs.

Students of the Medical Assisting and Medical Assisting Blended gain the skills necessary to aid the physician and other medical personnel as they examine and treat patients. Medical Assistants perform administrative and clinical tasks that keep a medical office or clinic running smoothly. Upon successful completion, graduates will be prepared to work in physicians' offices, hospitals, outpatient clinics, and other healthcare facilities.

First Institute prepares students in the Medical Assisting and Medical Assisting Blended to obtain certification from American Medical Technologists (AMT) for the Registered Medical Assistant (RMA) and/or National Healthcareer Association (NHA) for the Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA), Certified Phlebotomy Technician (CPT), Certified Billing & Coding Specialist (CBCS) and Certified EKG Technician (CET). Onsite testing is available for these NHA certifications.

First Institute provides related coursework, online test preparation with Focused Review, and teacher led study reviews for the CCMA certification. The cost of the first certification attempt, either the RMA or CCMA, is included as part of the program and paid for by First Institute.

CPR Certification is included as part of program fees for all programs and classes are conducted on-campus.

For additional information for the RMA visit: www.americanmedtech.org

For information for the CCMA, CPT, CBCS or CET visit: www.nhanow.com



## **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Medical Assistant
Medical Biller or Coder
Medical Transcriptionist
Insurance Verification Clerk
Medical Administrative Assistant

Phlebotomist
Medical Collections
Patient Registration
Medical Records Clerk

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www.onetonline.org.

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MA:101	Anatomy and Physiology I	50 hrs	2 cr.	4 cr.
	Anatomy and Physiology I Lecture	40 hrs		
	Outside Class Work	10 hrs		
MA:102	Medical Terminology I	50 hrs	2 cr.	4 cr.
	Medical Terminology I Lecture	40 hrs		
	Outside Class Work	10 hrs		
MA:103	Medical Law and Ethics	19 hrs	.76 cr.	1.50 cr.
	Medical Law and Ethics Lecture	16 hrs		
	Outside Class Work	3 hrs		
MA:104	Computer Billing	100 hrs	4 cr.	6 cr.
	Computer Billing Lecture	40 hrs		
	Computer Billing Lab	40 hrs		
	Outside Class Work	20 hrs		

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MA:105	Medical Insurance Billing and Coding	100 hrs	4 cr.	6 cr.
	Medical Insurance Billing and Coding Lecture Medical Insurance Billing and Coding Lab Outside Class Work	40 hrs 40 hrs 20 hrs		
MA:106	Clinical Procedures	58 hrs	2.32 cr.	2.50 cr.
	Clinical Procedures Lecture Clinical Procedures Lab Outside Class Work	12 hrs 36 hrs 10 hrs		
MA:107	Anatomy and Physiology II	50 hrs	2 cr.	4 cr.
	Anatomy and Physiology II Lecture Outside Class Work	40 hrs 10 hrs		
MA:108	Medical Terminology II	50 hrs	2 cr.	4 cr.
	Medical Terminology II Lecture Outside Class Work	40 hrs 10 hrs		
MA:109	Laboratory Procedures I	100 hrs	4 cr.	6 cr.
	Laboratory Procedures I Lecture Laboratory Procedures I Lab Outside Class Work	40 hrs 40 hrs 20 hrs		
MA:110	Laboratory Procedures II	130 hrs	5.20 cr.	7 cr.
	Laboratory Procedures II Lecture Laboratory Procedures II Lab Outside Class Work	44 hrs 60 hrs 26 hrs		
MA:111	Medical Office Procedures	100 hrs	4 cr.	6 cr.
	Medical Office Procedures Lecture Medical Office Procedures Lab Outside Class Work	40 hrs 40 hrs 20 hrs		
MA:112	Externship	160 hrs	6.40 cr.	5 cr.
Total		967 hrs	38.68 cr.	56 cr.

NOTE: The classes above do not necessarily represent the order in which the classes are delivered. Scrubs are required for all classes on-campus.

<sup>\*</sup>Clock hours above include outside class work. The Medical Assisting and Medical Assisting Blended programs without outside class work is 808 hours.

O First Institute's blended programs share the same curricular objectives and expected learning outcomes as the on-campus programs. Blended program courses will be offered online and on-campus as identified on the student schedule. Blended program students must perform the hands-on skills at the same competency level as on-campus programs prior to beginning externship.

#### ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I MA:101

Students will learn the anatomical terms, appropriate combining forms, pathological conditions, and diagnostic techniques associated with the body systems that include the skeletal system, muscles and joints, the nervous system, and the blood and lymphatic systems. Students also learn structures common to the central nervous system and peripheral nervous system and identify structures of the brain. Students will define range of motion movements of the skeletal muscles and understand the major functions of the blood and lymphatic systems.

### MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY I MA:102

The basics of medical terminology, including the three basic components of a word and the rules for joining prefixes and suffixes to a word root are covered in this course. Body organization including the five body cavities, nine body regions and directional terms will be reviewed. The integumentary system will be introduced including medical terms, pathological conditions, appropriate combining forms, and diagnostic techniques associated with this body system.

## MEDICAL LAW AND ETHICS MA:103

Students will learn the difference between ethics and law; be able to define the components of public and private law; identify areas of medical ethics of particular concern, list the AAMA Code of Ethics; define important terms such as implied and expressed consent, defamation of character, libel and slander; prepare common consent forms; understand legally required disclosure; understand the rights of a physician in providing treatment, as well as the rights of a patient receiving treatment. Students will understand the key components of HIPAA, PHI and important aspects of medical laws.

## COMPUTER BILLING MA:104

This course presents the use of an integrated medical practice management and electronic health record system. Students learn the conceptual framework both for medical billing and for using an electronic health record in medical documentation

and patient management. By working through exercises of increasing difficulty that simulate use of PM and EMR, students develop transferable skills needed to manage the required software tasks used throughout a patient encounter. Students will learn how to perform charting tasks during patient intake and examination, use electronic encounter forms to assign procedure/diagnosis codes, and discuss the charge capture process used to verify coding and billing compliance. Students will discuss interpersonal communication as it relates to the medical setting, and methods used in the healthcare setting to maintain compliance and HIPAA privacy. Students will refine their job search and communication skills by completing a mock employment interview.

### MEDICAL INSURANCE BILLING AND CODING

**MA:105** 

This course teaches the process of medical billing and coding. Students will study and define basic medical insurance terminology and will learn the different types of medical insurance programs available in today's healthcare system. At the completion of this course, students will have a basic knowledge of how to code diagnoses and procedures, perform basic medical insurance billing and complete common forms found in medical billing.

#### CLINICAL PROCEDURES

**MA:106** 

In this course, students will explore the study of Pharmacology and be able to identify the laws and governing agencies that enforce the safe manufacture, distribution and use of common medications. Drug actions/interactions that occur within the body, drug classifications, calculations, and schedules are reviewed. Minor surgical procedures and instrument identification are also introduced. instrument identification are also introduced.

### ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II MA:107

Students will learn the medical terms, pathological conditions, appropriate combining forms, and diagnostic techniques associated with the body systems that include the cardiovascular system, respiratory system, digestive system, and endocrine system. Students will identify structures of the heart and learn the pathway of blood as it travels through the heart. Students will learn the anatomy and physiology of each system, identify the signs and symptoms that indicate possible problems with each system, define common conditions, and identify diagnostic techniques and treatments of each system.

### MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY II MA:108

Students will learn the medical terms, pathological conditions, appropriate combining forms, and diagnostic techniques associated with the special senses, urinary system, female reproductive system, and obstetrics. Students will learn the anatomy and physiology of each system, identify diagnostic techniques and treatments and identify the signs and symptoms that indicate possible concerns.

## LABORATORY PROCEDURES I MA:109

Students will be introduced to the medical laboratory procedures for preparation of specimen collection and basic laboratory procedures for urine, sputum, and stool. Diagnostic tests and procedures will be discussed in the course. Students will be introduced to vital signs and body measurements. The student will learn to instruct and prepare patients for procedures and other diagnostic tests. Methods of infection control, universal precautions, OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens, and the importance of asepsis and sterilization techniques are practiced. Upon completion of this course, students will know the proper procedures for taking bodily fluid samples, how to assist the physician with general, physical, and pediatric examinations, and imaging and radiological procedures. Student will learn how to communicate the results with the doctor and to notify the patient.

## LABORATORY PROCEDURES II MA:110

The student will learn to instruct and prepare patients for EKG's. Students will perform vital signs including pulse, respirations, blood pressure, and pulse oximetry. Students will learn to administer intramuscular, intradermal, subcutaneous injections, and to perform capillary punctures and venipunctures. Students will learn the necessary steps in the processes and be expected to pass hands on testing in all skills at the conclusion of the course. Students and patient safety will be areas of concentration as well as professionalism and patient satisfaction. Upon completion of this course, students will obtain CPR certification.

## Medical Office Procedures MA:111

Students will learn the basics of daily activities in a medical office. This course will highlight various roles, define patient and provider interactions, and explain working with patient medical records and appropriate documentation for reimbursement. Students will work on resume building and developing an understanding of the positive work attitudes that contribute to work ethic and professionalism. Students will discuss interpersonal communication as it relates to the medical setting and methods used in the healthcare setting to maintain compliance. Common medical abbreviations and Electronic Health Records will be introduced.

## EXTERNSHIP MA:112

This is a capstone course that provides students with 160 hours of practical experience in a healthcare setting. Students will utilize and demonstrate the skills and knowledge learned throughout the program and will perform various clinical, laboratory, and administrative skills in a medical setting outside the classroom. The site supervisor provides practical guidance for students to refine skills. Upon completion of this course, students will gain practical experience in a healthcare setting such as a physician's office, urgent care or other outpatient facility.

## **MASSAGE THERAPY**

#### **OBJECTIVES**

Graduates of the Massage Therapy Program learn how to assess the musculoskeletal system and present massage treatment methods and techniques that address disorders of the neck, back, elbow, knee, sciatic nerve, and shoulder, as well as carpal and tarsal tunnel syndromes. Massage Therapy students develop strong business acumen and customer service skills while completing their internship at First Institute's Massage Clinic.

First Institute prepares students of the Massage Therapy Program to take the Massage & Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEx) through the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB). The MBLEx is an entry level licensure examination utilized in 46 of the 49 regulated states, the District of Columbia, as well as the territories of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

First Institute provides related coursework, online test preparation, and teacher led study review for the MBLEx. Half of the fee for the first MBLEx attempt is included as part of the program and paid for by First Institute.

For additional information for the MBLEx visit:

#### www.fsmtb.org

CPR Certification is included as part of program fees for all programs and classes are conducted on-campus.



#### **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Licensed Massage Therapist Swedish Massage Therapist Sports Massage Therapist

Deep Tissue Massage Therapist Hot Stone Massage Therapist Clinical Massage Therapist

assage Therapy Courses 92 Clock Hour Program)		CLOCK HOURS
MT:101	Intro to Anatomy	48 hrs
	Anatomy Lecture	48 hrs
MT:102	Swedish Massage	48 hrs
	Swedish Massage Lecture Swedish Massage Clinical Lab	10 hrs 38 hrs
MT:103	Anatomy, Physiology and Pathology - A	40 hrs
	APP Lecture	40 hrs
MT:104	Anatomy, Physiology and Pathology - B	40 hrs
	APP Lecture	40 hrs
MT:105	Anatomy, Physiology and Pathology - C	40 hrs
	APP Lecture	40 hrs
MT:106	Anatomy, Origins, Insertions and Actions (OIA)	60 hrs
	Anatomy OIA Lecture	60 hrs
MT:107	Deep Tissue/Neuromuscular Therapy	80 hrs
	Deep Tissue/Neuromuscular Therapy Lecture	24 hrs
	Deep Tissue/Neuromuscular Therapy Clinical Lab	56 hrs

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MT:108	Aromatherapy	20 hrs
	Aromatherapy Lecture	10 hrs
	Aromatherapy Clinical Lab	10 hrs
MT:109	Chair Massage	12 hrs
	Chair Massage Lecture	2 hrs
N/T 110	Chair Massage Clinical Lab	10 hrs
MT:110	Kinesiology	20 hrs
	Kinesiology Lecture Kinesiology Clinical Lab	5 hrs 15 hrs
MT:111	Reflexology	20 hrs
	Reflexology Lecture	10 hrs
	Reflexology Clinical Lab	10 hrs
MT:112	Special Populations	20 hrs
	Special Populations Lecture	10 hrs
	Special Populations Clinical Lab	10 hrs
MT:113	Sports Massage	20 hrs
	Sports Massage Lecture Sports Massage Clinical Lab	8 hrs
MT:114		12 hrs 20 hrs
W11:114	Hot Stone Therapy Hot Stone Therapy Lecture	5 hrs
	Hot Stone Therapy Clinical Lab	15 hrs
MT:115	Therapeutic Applications	24 hrs
	Therapeutic Applications Lecture	8 hrs
	Therapeutic Applications Clinical Lab	16 hrs
MT:116	Self-Wellness	20 hrs
	Self-Wellness Lecture Self-Wellness Clinical Lab	10 hrs 10 hrs
MT:117	Professional Development	20 hrs
IVII.II/	Professional Development Lecture	10 hrs
	Professional Development Clinical Lab	10 hrs
MT:118	<b>Business Management</b>	40 hrs
	Business Management Lecture	15 hrs
	Business Management Clinical Lab	25 hrs
MT:119	Ethics, Boundaries, Laws and Regulations	20 hrs
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MT:120	Five Elements - Eastern Massage Five Elements - Eastern Massage Lecture	40 hrs
	Five Elements - Eastern Massage Lecture Five Elements - Eastern Massage Clinical Lab	20 hrs 20 hrs
MT:121	Energetic Techniques	20 hrs
1/11 +121	Energetic Techniques Lecture	10 hrs
	Energetic Techniques Clinical Lab	10 hrs
MT:122-A	Clinical Practical Internship - Part I	60 hrs
	Massage Clinic Internship	60 hrs
MT:122-B	Clinical Practical Internship-Part II	60 hrs
	Massage Clinic Internship	60 hrs
Total Hours		792

#### **Introduction to Anatomy**

MT: 101

This basic course in human anatomy is designed to give the student a working anatomical vocabulary. Using these terms, gross anatomical structures will be identified and the integration of these structures will be examined.

### SWEDISH MASSAGE

MT:102

This course teaches students to perform the techniques involved in a complete Swedish Massage, including the use of oils. Students will be able to explain and demonstrate the applications and the effects of massage on the circulatory system for relaxation and stress reduction.

## ANATOMY, PHYSIOLOGY AND PATHOLOGY - A

MT:103

This is one of three APP courses wherein students will study the structure, function and pathologies of the human body as they relate to the practice of massage therapy. This will become an essential skill that will serve as the foundation for the critical thinking required of massage therapists when making therapeutic decisions. In this course, students will learn basic medical terminology, body organization, basic cytology and histology, as well as the structure, function and pathologies of the integumentary, skeletal and muscular systems as they relate to massage therapy. Primarily a lecture and discussion course, students are encouraged to develop selfstudy and basic critical thinking skills in an engaging educational environment.

## Anatomy, Physiology And Pathology - B

MT:104

This is one of three APP courses wherein students will study the structure, function

and pathologies of the human body as they relate to the practice of massage therapy. The systems covered in this course include the nervous system, with a look inside the senses of the body, the endocrine system, blood and the cardiovascular system. Through increased understanding of both the normal and abnormal structure and function of these systems, students develop their ability to relate anatomy, physiology and pathology to the practice of massage therapy. Utilization of proper medical terminology and critical thinking skills is actively reinforced in classroom experiences and students are encouraged and supported in the development of self-study skills.

## ANATOMY, PHYSIOLOGY AND PATHOLOGY - C

MT:105

This is one of three APP courses wherein students will study the structure, function and pathologies of the human body as they relate to the practice of massage therapy. The systems studied in this course include the lymphatic, immune, respiratory, digestive, urinary and reproductive systems. A discussion of common pathologies that effect these systems will serve to provide students a foundation for the critical thinking required of massage therapists when making therapeutic decisions in their practices. Additionally, students will study basic body metabolism and nutrition while discussing the principles of healthy eating. The use and development of self-study skills and professional medical terminology is encouraged.

## ANATOMY ORIGINS, INSERTIONS MT:106 & ACTIONS (OIA)

This course teaches students the bony landmarks and attachments of the major muscle groups, which enables them to locate the origins, insertions, and actions of each muscle. This skill allows for more specific hands-on application of massage techniques taught in other classes.

## DEEP TISSUE/ NEUROMUSCULAR THERAPY

MT:107

This study in deep tissue massage provides the student with the skills to release stagnation, knots, and spasms that lie deep within the muscular tissue. Techniques for acute and chronic muscular conditions are also covered.

#### AROMATHERAPY

MT:108

This course examines the practice of using essential oils including the tradition of ancient aromatherapy with respect to mental and physical well-being. Students will learn how to prepare a variety of common essential oils, their applications, and the therapeutic qualities of individual essential oils. Safety guidelines for the use of essential oils are reviewed and applied.

### CHAIR MASSAGE

MT:109

Students will learn, practice and demonstrate massage techniques that utilize the massage chair for seated clients and involve the manipulation of soft tissue and acupressure. This type of bodywork is geared toward the corporate on-site massage when a massage table is inconvenient.

#### Kinesiology

MT:110

Kinesiology is the study of movement. Students learn joint ranges of motion, as well as the lever action muscle groups that act upon these joints. They will be able to describe the interaction of agonistic, synergistic and antagonistic muscle groups, along with how they relate to each other.

#### REFLEXOLOGY

MT:111

Massage applications are learned using reflex points, primarily in the feet that correspond to other physiological systems in the body. The student will learn the basic principles and techniques of this relaxing and therapeutic treatment.

#### **SPECIAL POPULATIONS**

MT:112

Students learn to massage those with special needs such as infants, pregnant women, the elderly, terminally ill, and cancer patients. Possible benefits will be discussed as well as contraindications, cautions and different types of massage for each special need.

## **SPORTS MASSAGE**

MT:113

Massage, used in conjunction with sports, is considered by many athletic competitors to be essential for peak performance with minimal risk of injury. This course provides the student with pre/post sporting event massage techniques, as well as developmental training massage methods.

### HOT STONE THERAPY

MT:114

Hot stone massage incorporates heated basalt river stones and cooled marble stones to facilitate a very relaxing treatment for the client and therapist. The stones are used as tools to provide deep penetrating heat at specific locations on the body, which brings relief to stiff and sore muscles.

## THERAPEUTIC APPLICATIONS MT:115

This course examines methods of assessing musculoskeletal clinical pathologies, and presents massage treatment methods and techniques that address disorders of the neck, back, elbow, knee, sciatic nerve and shoulder, as well as carpal and tarsal tunnel syndromes. This course is designed specifically to teach skills that are useful when working with chiropractors or other licensed health care providers.

## SELF WELLNESS MT:116

This course teaches the importance of caring for the self as it relates to the ability to care for others. It is an opportunity for self-discovery and the possible need for improvement in areas such as: stress management, time management, nutrition, and exercise. Diet, goal setting, breathing exercises, and progressive relaxation are just a few of the tools taught in this class. These self-care exercises promote the student's physical and mental well-being which in turn helps promote better care for others.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MT:117

In this course students will learn techniques on how to design a professional resume. Students will also practice professional correspondence by creating cover letters and thank you letters. Students will compare diverse employment settings, practice interviewing skills, and develop job search methodologies. Presentation and professionalism, including the importance

of proper attire will be emphasized. The goal of this course is to prepare students for entering the professional massage environment with confidence.

#### BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

MT:118

This course teaches students how to manage their massage practice. They will learn how to effectively communicate with clients and associates, and will be gain knowledge in permit requirements, record keeping, tax information, employment versus independent contracting, and advertising methods.

## ETHICS, BOUNDARIES, LAWS MT:119 & REGULATIONS

This course teaches the students to understand Ethics in their practice. The students will learn how to manage conflict, as well as provide methods to resolve issues and problems that can occur in the massage room. The definition and differences between laws, scope of practice, morals, values, and ethics is discussed as well as the value of ethical practice and professionalism in all areas of their practice and interpersonal relationships. The State of Illinois Massage Therapy Act is also reviewed.

## FIVE ELEMENTS/ EASTERN MASSAGE

MT:120

This interactive course introduces students to principles and practical applications of various Eastern massage techniques and modalities. Topics include: history, theory, Qi, Yin/Yang, Five Elements, acupuncture, acupressure, cupping, and meridian theory. Students will gain tools to integrate Eastern

techniques with a Western massage foundation.

## **Energetic Techniques**

MT:121

This course is designed to aid students in the development of energetic techniques applicable to the practice of massage therapy. Students will be introduced to Reiki, Grounding, Body Scanning, Chakra Systems, and other energetic modalities.

## CLINICAL PRACTICE INTERNSHIP PART I

MT:122-A

Students will practice massage therapy techniques acquired in the program in a clinical environment. Students learn and apply skills and techniques in a real massage clinic setting. Students practice and refine communication skills by interacting with a wide variety of clients. Integration of classroom and clinical learning is expected throughout this course.

(MT:101 and MT:102 are pre-requisites for this course.)

## CLINICAL PRACTICE INTERNSHIP PART II

MT:122-B

This is a continuation of Clinical Practice Internship Part I. Students will continue to practice and fine tune the techniques and communication skills they have developed. Upon completion of clinical internship, students will be able to illustrate competent massage therapy techniques, prepare SOAP notes, perform daily clinic operations tasks, demonstrate professional communication skills, and execute proper body mechanics during massages.

(MT:101 and MT:102 are pre-requisites for this course.)

