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Alerts

The Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation (COMTA) would like to bring your attention to the following important announcements as a result of its July 17 & 19, 2017 Commission conference call:

1. Revised Standards: Standard III(B) Faculty Qualifications

After accepting public comments, the Commission voted to **ratify** its approval of the revision to Standard III(B)(3) – Faculty Qualifications for teachers of anatomy, physiology and pathology. The use of the phrase “undergraduate proficiency” has been eliminated. The new Standard, effective July 201, reads as follows:

Standard III(B)(3): Instructors of anatomy physiology, and pathology have advanced proficiency in these sciences which is broader and more advanced than the material being taught. (See Faculty Qualifications, Development and Evaluation Guidelines.) ~~at least an “undergraduate level proficiency” in the subject matter being taught. (See Definition of Terms.)~~

Please [click here](#) to view and download the complete Standards and accompanying Faculty Qualifications Policy document from the website. All previous versions of the Standards are void.

2. Revised Definition of Terms

The COMTA Definition of Terms have been revised to reflect the language change noted above, eliminating a definition of “Undergraduate Proficiency” and adding a definition for “Faculty Member, Sciences, Qualified.”

The Definition of Terms has also been updated to include a definition of “Transcript” per April 2017 approval.

Please [click here](#) to view and download the complete Definitions of Terms document. All previous versions of the Definition of Terms (Appendix C) are void.

3. Grant Length Change – RESCINDED

After accepting public comments, the Commission voted to **rescind its previous approval to change the grant length** from seven years back to five years, instead clarifying the policy language to include “a maximum of.”

The maximum grant length of accreditation will remain **seven (7) years**.

4. COMTA-Endorsed Curriculum Annual Report & Fee Policies

The Commission approved Policies & Procedures for the submission of COMTA-Endorsed Curriculum application and annual reports, setting requirements and deadlines. To view and download the complete Policy, [click here](#).

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