



Clarification of Temporary Policy to Accept Interactive Distance Learning Hours For Hands-on Practice

CAMTC's Temporary Policy to Accept Interactive Distance Learning Hours For Hands-on Practice, ("Temporary IDL Policy"), was approved on 7/27/2020 and amended on 12/10/2020. Since the adoption of this policy, several schools and students have expressed confusion as to whether or not CAMTC now accepts hands-on interactive distance learning ("IDL") hours completed between 3/12/2020, (the date CAMTC first accepted lecture IDL hours with restrictions), and 7/27/2020, (the date of the Temporary IDL Policy in which CAMTC began accepting hands-on IDL hours with restrictions).

CAMTC is sensitive to the fact that many students and schools were confused by the implementation date for this new policy and believed it retroactively applied to hands-on IDL hours completed between 3/12/20 and 7/27/20 due to the fact that the 7/27/20 policy stated that it "superseded" the previous policy. Therefore, in order to provide better clarification of this policy in a manner that is generous to students and schools operating in the midst of a global pandemic, CAMTC shall accept hands-on IDL hours completed on or after 3/12/2020, but before 7/27/2020, so long as the hands-on IDL hours meet ALL of the following conditions:

1. The school and massage program must have been approved by CAMTC at the time the hands-on IDL hours were completed.
2. The school and massage program in which the hands-on IDL hours were completed must be accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education, and the accrediting agency must have approved the massage program to offer hands-on IDL hours during the time in which the hours were completed.
3. The total number of hours of the approved massage program in which the hands-on IDL hours were completed must exceed 500 hours.
4. The total number of hands-on IDL hours completed on or after 3/12/2020, but before 7/27/2020, shall not exceed 75 hours.
5. The following requirements of the Temporary IDL Policy must be met including, but not limited to:

- a. Applicants must still successfully complete a minimum of 75 hands-on hours in-person under the active and direct supervision of a qualified instructor as part of the 500 hours required for certification.
 - b. Hands-on IDL hours must have been synchronous (real time) sharing of hands-on practice using video conferencing.
 - c. Each student's identity must have been verified and tracked with complete and accurate attendance records.
 - d. Each student's skills must have been appropriately assessed.
 - e. Each student must have been equipped with the proper tools to effectively demonstrate practical applications.
 - f. Student-teacher ratios for hands-on IDL must not have exceeded a maximum of 18 practicing students to one instructor.
 - g. Transcripts or transcript addenda including any IDL hours must identify how many hours of each course were completed in-person or through IDL. Additionally, reported hands-on IDL hours completed on or after 3/12/2020 but before 7/27/2020 must indicate whether hands-on IDL hours were completed on or after 3/12/2020 but before 7/27/2020 or on or after 7/27/2020.
6. Due to the retroactive nature of this clarification, the following requirements of the Temporary IDL Policy do not have to be met for hands-on IDL hours completed on or after 3/12/2020 but before 7/27/2020. However, these requirements must still be met for hands-on IDL hours completed on or after 7/27/2020:
 - a. Notification and written acknowledgement for IDL students.
 - b. Monthly IDL Reports prior to August 2020.
 7. CAMTC approved schools shall meet all minimum standards for training and curriculum, as well as all requirements stated in the Policies and Procedures for Approval of Schools and the Temporary IDL Policy unless specifically addressed by this clarification.
 8. Schools submitting hands-on IDL hours completed on or after 3/12/2020 but before 7/27/2020 must sign a declaration under penalty of perjury stating that those hands-on IDL hours meet all requirements of this clarification. Only one declaration per school is required, and can be returned electronically in PDF format to: jbsmith@camtc.org This declaration must be received before CAMTC can accept hands-on IDL hours completed on or after 3/12/20 and before 7/27/20.