RPL recognises what you have already learnt from other courses, other life experiences, from work experience and from any other training provided at work and measures it against the competency standards and learning outcomes of the core units associated with ACMM qualifications.

If your experience is relevant, you may not have to complete part of the course or unit. It is important to apply for RPL before course enrolment if you think that you have already gained some experience that may be relevant to the ACMM qualification. The ACMM RPL process is structured to minimise time to the applicants and to provide adequate information, support and opportunities for participants to engage in the RPL process.

**There are three types of RPL available to applicants:**

1. **Skills Recognition**

Skills Recognition is the recognition of the current practice of Remedial massage practice in a clinical context. Skills Recognition may be suitable for applicants who can provide evidence of having at least two years current experience in:

* Client consultation
* Physical assessment
* Treatment planning
* Massage treatments
* Client treatment documentation

Skills Recognition involves the completion of all theory units via the ACMM Student Portal, though instead of completing the clinical competencies (hands-on practical skills) over the duration of the units selected for RPL, candidates book a Skills Assessment in which each procedure is demonstrated to a qualified ACMM Trainer and Assessor. The ACMM Trainer and Assessor will make an assessment judgement based on your performance in all of the following areas:

* Patient communication/consultation
* Identify cautions and contraindications to treatment
* Performing physical assessment
* Develop and discuss treatment plan
* Client treatment
* Technique
* Provide advice and monitor progression
* Record keeping and referral

The above will be reinforced by a series of oral questions to ensure the candidate holds the underpinning theoretical knowledge (eg. Anatomy, physiology, pathology, scope of practice).

A Skills Assessment will be completed at ACMM Student clinic (Perth). Skills Assessment within the student’s workplace may be an option and will be discussed during the pre-enrolment interview.

**To apply for Skills Recognition for any clinical/practical unit(s), you be will required to:**

1. Complete pages 3-4 of this form and submit with your online application
2. Your eligibility for Skills Recognition will be discussed during the pre-enrolment interview with a Course Coordinator
3. **Knowledge Recognition**

Knowledge Recognition is the recognition of prior learning from other courses, life skills and work experience. Knowledge Recognition is applied to the theory units of the ACMM course. Knowledge Recognition may be suitable for applicants who can provide evidence of having successfully completed formal qualifications/courses/units in a health or remedial massage field.

**To apply for Knowledge Recognition for any theory unit(s), you be will required to:**

1. Complete pages 3-4 of this form with the required evidence and submit with your online application
2. Your eligibility for Knowledge Recognition will be discussed in your pre-enrolment interview with a Course Coordinator
3. If the Knowledge Recognition process is approved by the Course Coordinator, the candidate will be required to sit an online pre-assessment test for the specific unit(s). The purpose of the assessment is to establish current knowledge level on the unit’s topic
4. Upon successful completion of the online pre-assessment test, additional assessments and/or knowledge evidence will be requested
5. If the candidate fails the online pre-assessment test, the Knowledge Recognition process will cease and the candidate will be advised to enroll in the unit(s).
6. **Credit Transfer**

Credit Transfer is applicable if the applicant has completed a unit(s) at another learning facility (eg. University or TAFE), which are identical to the competency standards and learning outcomes in the ACMM unit(s).

**To apply for Credit Transfer, you be will required to:**

1. Complete pages 3-4 of this form and submit with your online application
2. Provide evidence of completed courses/unit eg. Statement of Academic Record/Degree/diplomas etc.

**Fees Associated with RPL**

**Skills Recognition:** Skills Assessments are conducted on a one-to-one basis. Time is dependent on the units requested for RPL. The fee is 50% of the fee stated fee for the Remedial massage course cluster.

***Please note*:** If the candidate cannot demonstrate all required clinical competencies, additional training and assessment will be required. This will incur an additional fee and extend the duration of the Skills Assessment.

**Knowledge Recognition:** The fee for Knowledge Recognition is 50% of the stated fee of the unit. If the applicant does not successfully compete the online pre-assessment test, the Knowledge Recognition fee can be transferred to full unit payment.

**Credit Transfer:** There is usually no fee associated with a Credit Transfer.

ACMM RPL Application Form

**Please complete this form and return to:**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Australasian College of Massage and Myotherapy  60 Stirling Street Perth, WA, 6000 | P O Box 8477  Perth Business Centre, WA, 6849 |
| Fax No: +61 8 9228 2769  🖰 enquiries@acmm.edu.au |  |

**PERSONAL DETAILS**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Title | Surname | Given Name(s) |
|  |  |  |

**I wish to apply for RPL for the following units for the following course (please tick):**

**HLT52015 – Diploma of Remedial Massage**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | CHCCOM006 | Establish and manage client relationships |
|  | CHCDIV001 | Work with diverse people |
|  | HLTMSG001 | Develop massage practice |
|  | HLTINF004 | Manage the prevention and control of infection |
|  | HLTWHS004 | Manage work health and safety |
|  | CHCLEG003 | Manage legal and ethical compliance |
|  | HLTMSG002 | Assess client massage need |
|  | HLTMSG004 | Provide massage treatments |
|  | CHCPRP003 | Engage with health professionals in the health system |
|  | HLTMSG003 | Perform remedial massage musculoskeletal assessments |
|  | HLTAAP003 | Analyse and respond to client health information |
|  | HLTMSG005 | Provide remedial massage treatments |
|  | HLTMSG006 | Adapt remedial massage practice |
|  | HLTMSG008 | Monitor and evaluate remedial massage treatments |
|  | HLTAID003 | Provide first aid |

**Electives (Sport stream)**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | SISSSTC301A | Instruct strength and conditioning techniques |
|  | HLTMSG007 | Adapt remedial massage techniques for athletes |
|  | SISSSTC307A | Conduct advanced taping |
|  | HLTHPS010 | Interpret and use information about nutrition and diet |
|  | BSBSMB404 | Undertake small business planning |

**Electives (Spa stream)**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | BSBSMB404 | Undertake small business planning |
|  | SHBBSPA001 | Work in a spa therapy framework |
|  | SHBBSPA002 | Provide spa therapies |
|  | SHBBSPA003 | Provide stone therapy massage |
|  | SHBBSPA004 | Provide Indian head massage for relaxation |

**Evidence to be attached**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | I have evidence of having two or more years current experience as a Massage / Remedial massage therapist. Please attach letters from employers or any other relevant evidence. |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | I have evidence of having successfully completed courses/units/qualifications in the field of Massage / Remedial massage, which may have the same learning outcomes as the unit(s) I’ve specified. Please attach Statement of Attainment or Academic Transcript etc. |

**PLEASE NOTE:** Once the Course Coordinator has assessed this application form, your RPL status will be discussed with you during your pre-enrolment interview.