We have many new programs and initiatives happening that I believe can help your students pass our licensure test and strengthen your pass rates.

1. **NCBTMB’s State Licensure Test**

   Our previous tests, the NCETM and NCETMB, have been reduced to 125 questions and the material tested is of a state licensure level now. Our cost for this test is $185 and remains lower than other state licensure tests.

   These tests no longer have a credential associated with them. They are strictly state licensure tests and are composed of questions concerning entry level massage therapy.

   All of our applications are completely online. Students can go to the ncbtmb.org website, click register at the top of the page and create a profile. Once this is complete they can choose “Complete a Form” on the left hand side of the page and choose the exam that they wish to take. They will be able to sign up for their test immediately after applying. This will allow them to test before they graduate and grant their instructors time to gather their test results for your career services/placement department.

2. **Online Practice Exam**

   Students who sign up for our state licensure test have the option to purchase our online practice exam for a significantly discounted rate. This practice exam was written by NCBTMB employees and volunteers to ensure that if students can answer the questions correctly and digest the information on the practice exam they will be able to pass the licensure test.

   **Normal Cost:**
   
   1 month - $59.95  
   3 months - $79.95  
   6 months - $109.95  

   **Cost to students who sign up for the state licensure test:**
   
   1 month - $29.98  
   3 month - $49.98  
   6 month - $79.98  

   We also have a bulk order special of $69.95 per practice exam for the 6 month subscription when 7 or more subscriptions are purchased.
3. **Board Certification**

   NCBTMB has created a new credential, Board Certification, that has replaced the National Certification credential. The requirements for the Board Certification credential include:
   
   - 750 hours of education from an approved massage school, an NCBTMB Approved Provider and an Accredited College or University
   
   - 250 hours of paid, professional work experience over a period of 6+ months
   
   - CPR certification
   
   - Criminal background check

   Board Certification is the highest credential within the massage therapy profession.

   All of our new incentives and programs have been built to assist schools with licensing their students, raising the standards of massage therapy throughout the country and creating a career pathway for graduates.

   Please let me know if you have any further questions. I’d be more than happy to help you. You can also find all of the information on our website, [www.ncbtmb.org](http://www.ncbtmb.org).

   Sincerely,

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