

Massage Therapy

Massage Therapy Certificate in Applied Science

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Massage Therapy Certificate program at Greenville Technical College is to offer a stable, reliable, high quality, affordable program to train students in basic therapeutic massage techniques; to educate them about the wellness model and how the human body is affected by massage; to prepare them for their role in the health care community; and to promote professionalism, caring, high ethical conduct, and continuing education among all massage therapists. All faculty associated with the program will maintain high standards of personal and professional integrity.

Entrance Requirements:

Placement into ENG 101, plus high school diploma or GED; Student must be 18 yrs. (17 yrs. with parental approval form)

Type of Program:

Day

Type of Degree:

Certificate and/or Associate of Applied Science**

Professional Credentials:

Licensed Massage/Bodywork Therapist must be 18 yrs. (17 yrs. with parental approval form) of age or older; subject to passing massage program and state recognized national licensure exam.

Employment Opportunities:

Private practice, physical fitness facilities, hotels/resorts, sports medicine clinics, hospitals and other health care facilities, spas, and cruise ships.

- This program is offered at Greenville Tech's Benson Campus (Fall Start)
- This program prepares students for entry-level positions as professional massage therapists.
- This program consists of 630 contact hours (24 credit hours).
- Graduates of this program are eligible to take the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards licensure exam (MBLEx), as required for SC Massage/Bodywork licensure. Fees for the exam are included as a course fee in MTH 124.
- Acceptance requires that students attend a Massage Therapy Career Talk session and provide documentation of having received a professional massage.
- Technical standards (physical and mental requirements) for the program are also covered in the Massage Therapy Career Talk session.
- Once admitted to the program, students must
 - Attend New Massage Therapy Student orientation. (Students accepted into the program will be notified of date and time.)
 - Have a criminal background report with no violent or sexual related offenses. Some criminal offenses older than 7 years may prevent admission into and progression through the program.
 - Have a negative 10-panel drug screen report.
- To complete this certificate program, students must maintain a minimum grade of "C" in all courses.

Recommended Program Schedule for fall start day students:

First Semester - Fall

MTH	120	Introduction to Massage	4.0
MTH	121	Principles of Massage I	4.0
MTH	136	Kinesiology for Massage Therapy	2.0
MTH	137	Anatomy & Physiology for Massage Therapy I	2.0

Second Semester - Spring

MTH	122	Principles of Massage II	4.0
MTH	123	Massage Clinical I	3.0
MTH	124	Massage Business Application	3.0
MTH	139	Anatomy & Physiology for Massage Therapy III	2.0

Total Required Credit Hours: 24.0

*General education course

Note: Please contact department for fall start program or spring start day program schedules. See layout link on Massage Therapy webpage on the Greenville Technical College web site: <https://www.gvltec.edu/massage/>.

The Massage Therapy Department also offers several electives to enhance the massage student's education. These courses are optional for the Massage Therapy certificate program and are electives for the Associate of Applied Science General Technology degree:

MTH	108	Introduction to Aromatherapy Introduction to basic aromatherapy skills.	1.0
MTH	129	Principles of Massage IV The study of Eastern theory, Chinese Medicine, Chakras, & Energy Medicine	4.0
MTH	130	Aromatherapy I Part 1 of professional level aromatherapy.	2.0
MTH	132	Massage Therapy Seminar (ex., Hot Stone/Qigong/Meditation) See program faculty to verify specific topics per semester.	1.0
MTH	133	Massage Clinical II	2.0
MTH	135	Massage Practicum This course provides practical experience in which students will observe facility & business operations under supervision of licensed massage therapists or licensed medical staff.	2.0
MTH	140	Aromatherapy II Part 2 of professional level aromatherapy	4.0
MTH	142	Sports Massage Practical experience in Sports Massage (emphasis on fall sports).	1.0
MTH	143	Applied Massage Therapy for Athletes Massage techniques for athletes participating in collegiate sports.	1.0
MTH	144	Somatic Emotional Release The study of the client/therapist mind/body awareness.	1.0
MTH	146	Polarity Therapy Practical application and philosophy behind Polarity Therapy.	1.0

**NOTE: Students must meet with the Department Head of the Wellness and Fitness program to determine specific roadmap for the General Technology degree completion.

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