Employment of massage therapists is projected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations. Continued growth in the demand for massage services will lead to new openings for massage therapists. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projected job growth of 23 percent from 2012 to 2022, with continued growth in demand creating new job openings. The field has grown not only in popularity but also in respect, with hospitals, physicians and chiropractors recognizing the benefits of therapeutic massage. Massage is widely used to promote well-being, to help clients overcome injuries, and to combat stress and other problems.

About our program

Passage of a national licensure exam (MBLEX) and obtaining a state license is required to practice massage therapy. Greenville Technical College offers 630 hours of classroom and clinical instruction. Within those hours, hands-on lab instruction is practiced in an on-site clinic. In addition to the core 24 credit hours, GTC’s Massage Therapy certificate program offers a number of elective classes to further enhance your massage education: Eastern theory and energy healing, an advanced-treatment clinic, hot/cold stone therapy, sports massage, aromatherapy, spa applications and more.

All classes are taught by experience professionals, preparing students for their licensure exam and providing an understanding of the structural, physiological and emotional components of bodywork, as well as legal, financial and ethical aspects of the profession.

Program Options

- Massage Therapy Certificate
- General Technology Associate Degree with Massage Therapy Major

Greenville Technical College provides equal opportunity and affirmative action in education and employment for all qualified persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, or veteran status.
Curriculum Options

- Certificate
  24 credit hours/630 contact hours
- Associate in Applied Science Degree General Technology with Massage Therapy Major
  (Contact department for more details.)

Options

New students may choose to begin Fall Semester (August) at the Benson Campus or Spring Semester (January) at the Northwest Campus.

Length of program

The day program can be completed in less than 9 months or two semesters. The night program begins each fall and can be completed in five semesters. The Spring Semester day and evening programs require attendance during Summer Term.

Tuition

Greenville Technical College is a great value. Our tuition is one of the lowest in the area — about one-fifth that of public four-year colleges and much less than what you would find at a private college. Financial aid, if you qualify, can make it even easier to afford college. Tuition for the Massage program is based on the number of credit hours taken each semester. Some courses have added lab or course fees. Additional costs include books, massage table, and CPR.

What You’ll Learn

- Anatomy and physiology
- Swedish massage techniques
- Structural analysis
- Deep tissue and neuromuscular techniques
- Optional sports, spa, aromatherapy

Careers

- Work full-time or part-time, setting your own schedule
- Health clubs
- Spas
- Chiropractic offices
- Cruise ships
- Salons
- Yoga centers
- Sports teams
- Clinics
- Open your own business or establish a franchise

Massage Clinic at the Benson Campus

Members of the community are welcome to call (864) 250-3058 for an appointment. This student-run clinic is a requirement of the program and is closely supervised by faculty. This true hands-on experience is excellent preparation for workplace challenges than can be resolved while still under the guidance of experienced instructors. This clinic is held limited periods during the semester.

Visit www.gvltec.edu/gainful-employment for important information about the educational debt, earnings, and graduation rates of students who attended this program.