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# MASSAGE THERAPY

## THE CAREER

Massage Therapy is a branch of complementary health care that works to improve health and well-being through the hands-on manipulation of muscles and other soft tissues of the body. The Massage Therapy program prepares students to function as professional massage therapists in a variety of settings. Successful completion of the Massage Therapy program, including coursework and supervised clinical practice, makes the student eligible for the National Certification Examination, a requirement for South Carolina State Licensure.

## CAREER OPTIONS

Licensed Massage Therapists work in a variety of settings. Nationally, approximately 56% of massage therapists work in their own homes, rented offices or on-call in their clients' homes; 22% work in spas, resorts, salons or similar venues; 12% work onsite in corporate offices, health food stores or other business locations; 10% work in medical settings. Massage therapists can work in full-time or part-time positions, and the average annual income for massage therapists is \$31,500. Earnings can increase substantially with time and experience.

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

TCL offers a 720 hour, three-semester, 31 Credit Hour training program for Massage Therapy. A certificate in Massage Therapy is awarded upon successful completion of the program. All Massage Therapy credit hours must be in-class with supervised instruction; distance learning may not be applied to this program.

## ADMISSIONS

Student applicants interested in the Massage Therapy program must first complete the college admission application process. The student will then make an appointment with a Health Science advisor. Acceptance into the college does not guarantee admission in the Massage Therapy program. Applications specific to the Massage Therapy program may only be obtained from the Health Sciences department at TCL. For more information on the Massage Therapy program at Technical College of the Lowcountry, please attend a free information session. Visit our website at [www.tcl.edu/health](http://www.tcl.edu/health) or contact a Health Science advisor at 843.525.8267.

## BECOME A LICENSED MASSAGE THERAPIST

Therapeutic massage relieves pain, reduces stress and provides the nourishing benefits of touch for mind, body and spirit. Our mission is to serve students and the community by preparing highly skilled massage practitioners to enter this fast-growing field.

Students receive hands-on classroom instruction in the following areas:

- > Chair Massage
- > Sports Massage
- > Pregnancy Massage
- > Client Consultation and Assessment • Professional Ethics
- > Business Practices & Marketing
- > Laws & Regulations
- > Supervised Student Clinics plus Professional Internships
- > Anatomy, Physiology, Kinesiology, and Pathology
- > Swedish Massage Principles and Practice
- > Deep Tissue Therapy and Clinical Massage
- > Body Mechanics and Injury Prevention for the Therapist
- > Asian Massage Concepts and Modalities
- > Aromatherapy and Spa Treatments
- > Reflexology
- > Myofascial Release Therapy

## ENROLL • REGISTER • ATTEND

1. Apply to the College and for Financial Aid.
2. Complete the COMPASS placement assessment test.
3. Call your academic advisor to make an appointment for advisement and to register.
4. Pay your tuition and fees. (*Verify financial aid.*)
5. Obtain all needed College IDs: Student ID, Vehicle Registration, and Blackboard ID. (*Get your books and course supplies.*)
6. Mark your calendar for the first day of class and plan to be there!

## NOTE: SEE REQUIRED COURSES IN CATALOG.

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