

**THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE PROGRAM (TMSG)**

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE (A.A.S.) DEGREE

**Occupational Title: Massage Therapist****Newport County Campus, Newport**

**The Therapeutic Massage Program is accredited by the Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation (COMTA), 1007 Church Street, Suite 302, Evanston, IL 60201-5912, (847869-5039).**

Therapeutic massage involves the use of manual soft tissue mobilization to promote health and wellness. Recent scientific studies have documented the many positive physical, mental and emotional effects of massage. The Therapeutic Massage Program at CCRI offers students a strong scientific basis for the understanding and application of various soft tissue techniques. Different types of massage are studied, including both Eastern and Western approaches. Students must be able to perform basic massage techniques and demonstrate the ability to give and receive a therapeutic massage treatment.

The Therapeutic Massage Program is a modified evening and weekend program. Although Therapeutic Massage courses are given at the Newport location, the required General Education courses may be taken at other CCRI sites prior to acceptance into the Therapeutic Massage program. All fieldwork courses must be completed within 18 months following completion of the academic preparation. Students must be at least 18 years old prior to taking TMSG 1000.

Students completing the program are eligible to sit for the national certification examination for massage therapists, which is administered by the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCBTMB). An individual must successfully pass the certification examination in order to apply for licensure to practice as a licensed massage

therapist in the state of Rhode Island.

**GENERAL POLICIES:**

See important general policies in beginning of this section on academic progress, advanced standing, background check, CPR certification, health insurance, health records, reinstatement, transportation, uniforms and equipment.

**ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:**

- Complete the admissions application.
- Provide proof of a high school diploma or GED.
- Reading comprehension standardized test (ACCUPLACER) must show competency at 75 or above or completion of ENGL 0890: Critical Reading with a grade of "B" or better.
- Successfully complete the following courses with a grade of "C" or better prior to acceptance into the program:
  - TMSG 1000: Introduction to Therapeutic Massage
  - RHAB 1010: Medical Terminology
  - BIOL 1010: Human Anatomy
  - MATH 1420: Introduction to College Math
  - BIOL 1020: Human Physiology
  - ENGL 1010: Composition I (may not substitute ENGL 1300)
  - SPCH 1100: Oral Communication I
  - PSYC 2010: General Psychology
  - PSYC 2030: Developmental Psychology
- Cumulative average of at least 2.0 for all previous college courses.
- Completing health requirements established by the college prior to beginning TMSG 1030 Therapeutic Massage II.
- Program faculty reserve the right to require withdrawal of any student from the program or to refuse reinstatement based on the student's academic, clinical or behavioral performance.

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**MAJOR REQUIREMENT COURSES SHOULD BE TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:**

First, take: RHAB 1030;TMSG 1020; RHAB 1110

Second, take:TMSG 1030, 1040

Third, take:TMSG 2010, 2020, 2021

Fourth, take:TMSG 2030, 2040

**PREADMISSION MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

**NOTE:THESE COURSES MUST BE TAKEN PRIOR TO PROGRAM ADMISSION.**

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
<input type="checkbox"/> TMSG 1000	Introduction to Massage Therapy	2
<input type="checkbox"/> RHAB 1010	Medical Terminology	1
<b>Total Preadmission Major Credits</b>		<b>3</b>

**PREADMISSION GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

**NOTE:THESE COURSES MUST BE TAKEN PRIOR TO PROGRAM ADMISSION**

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 1010*	Composition I*	3
<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 1010	Human Anatomy	4
<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 1020 <b>P</b>	Human Physiology	4
<input type="checkbox"/> MATH 1420*	Introduction to College Mathematics*	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SPCH 1100	Oral Communication I	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PSYC 2010	General Psychology	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PSYC 2030 <b>P</b>	Developmental Psychology	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Elective	(May be taken while enrolled in program)	3
<b>Total Preadmission General Education Credits</b>		<b>29</b>

\*Placement test required

**MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
<input type="checkbox"/> RHAB 1110 <b>P</b>	Kinesiology	3
<input type="checkbox"/> RHAB 1030 <b>P</b>	Pathophysiology for Rehabilitative Health Practitioners	3
<input type="checkbox"/> TMSG 1020	Therapeutic Massage I	4
<input type="checkbox"/> TMSG 1030 <b>P</b>	Therapeutic Massage II	4
<input type="checkbox"/> TMSG 1040 <b>P</b>	Therapeutic Massage III	4
<input type="checkbox"/> TMSG 2010 <b>P</b>	Therapeutic Massage IV	4
<input type="checkbox"/> TMSG 2020 <b>P</b>	Therapeutic Massage Fieldwork I	3
<input type="checkbox"/> TMSG 2021 <b>P</b>	Massage Practice Building	2
<input type="checkbox"/> TMSG 2030 <b>P</b>	Therapeutic Massage Fieldwork II	3
<input type="checkbox"/> TMSG 2031 <b>P</b>	Therapeutic Massage Career Development Seminar	2
<input type="checkbox"/> TMSG 2040 <b>P</b>	Foundation of Evidence Based Outcomes for Massage Therapists	3
<b>Total Major Requirements Credits</b>		<b>35</b>

**Total Program Credits**

**64**

**G** Corequisites:  
Take during the same semester.

**P** This course has a prerequisite. See Course Descriptions section for class hours, prerequisites and corequisites.