

Therapeutic Massage Program Certificate

Newport County Campus • Applications for Fall 2017-19 • TMSC

Program start date: Fall • Evening/Weekend program

Admissions Guidelines

Minimum requirements to apply to the Therapeutic Massage Certificate program:

1. **CCRI application** – Submit a completed CCRI Application for Enrollment. General Studies should be first choice, TMSC should be second choice.
2. **High school transcript** – Send an official copy of a transcript from an accredited high school or GED certification, including date of graduation. If the applicant holds a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college/university, the high school transcript may be waived; college transcript must indicate completion and degree awarded.
3. **Placement testing**
 - a. ACCUPLACER results must show readiness to take ENGL 1010: Composition I or the applicant must have completed ENGL 1005: College Writing with a grade of “C” or better.
 - b. Competency of 75 or above on ACCUPLACER is required for reading comprehension or completion of ENGL 0890. Critical Reading with a grade of “B-” or better.
4. **Prerequisite courses** – Completion of the following courses with a grade of “C” or better:
(These courses are limited to two attempts)
BIOL 1070 - Anatomy and Physiology or both BIOL 1010 and BIOL 1020
TMSG 1000 - Introduction to Therapeutic Massage
RHAB 1100 - Foundational Kinesiology
Students must be 18 years of age or older to register for TMSG 1000 – Introduction to Therapeutic Massage.
5. **Note: All attempts prior to Aug. 31, 2016, including transfers, are considered to be ONE attempt regardless of the number of times the class was taken.**
6. **GPA** – A cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better for all college courses taken.
7. **Degree evaluation** – Complete Preadmission Degree Evaluation.
8. **Health Sciences application** – Complete and submit performance based Health Science application. Please note the Performance Criteria located on the back of this form. The application and instructions can be found at www.ccri.edu/oes/admissions/index.html.

All the above requirements must be completed satisfactorily BEFORE submission of the Performance-Based Health Sciences application and do not guarantee acceptance to the program. Students declining acceptance into the program for the semester offered must resubmit a Performance-Based Health Sciences application for the program and meet the current admission requirements for the application period in which they reapply. Once accepted into Therapeutic Massage Certificate Program, the student must attend a mandatory orientation conducted by the Rehabilitative Health Department.

Technical Standards: The physical activity level for the Massage Therapist is classified as “medium” by the Department of Labor in the Dictionary of Occupational Titles. Students must have the ability to perform essential physical skills and demonstrate the cognitive and behavioral skills or be able to perform those using compensatory techniques and/or adaptive devices. These essential skills can be found at http://www.ccri.edu/massagetherapy/essential_skills.html

Students are required to submit background check when directed by notification from Enrollment Services. Final acceptance to the program is dependent on the results of the background check. Anyone convicted of a crime may be unable to attend filed placements.

General policies following acceptance and prior to beginning the program:

- Students must have completed a physical examination and required immunizations completed.
- Students also must have a current CPR card (American Heart Association, Health Care Provider Level) obtained through an American Heart Association recognized community training center (CCRI offers this course - HEAL 0200.)
- Students must also have a current First Aid Certification.
- Students must be able to perform basic massage techniques and demonstrate the ability to give and receive a therapeutic massage treatment.

For more information; visit www.ccri.edu/dean-hrs/admiss-docs.html or contact Office of Enrollment Services, Warwick Campus: Susan Barrett, 401-825-2084, sbarrett@ccri.edu.

If more specific information is needed, contact Regina Cobb, Therapeutic Massage program director, at 401-851-1672 or rmcobb@ccri.edu.



TMSC Program Admission Criteria Point System

The performance-based acceptance process is based on the performance indicators identified for the TMSC Program. A point system has been assigned to each of the performance criteria listed in the admissions information on the CCRI Web site.

The criteria will include:

- Program GPA ENGL 1010, RHAB 1010
- Prerequisite GPA, BIOL 1070, RHAB 1100, TMSG 1000
- Number of required general education courses completed
- Grades in BIOL 1070, RHAB 1100 and TMSG 1000 (prerequisite courses)
- Reading score

Average program and prerequisite GPA

Average GPA X 10

Example: $3.67 \times 10 = 36.7$

Points

Maximum 40

Grades in the prerequisite courses using the following scale:

A = 40 points B = 30 points C = 20 points

A- = 37 points B- = 27 points

B+ = 33 points C+ = 23 points

- Grade in BIOL 1070
- Grade in RHAB 1100
- Grade in TMSG 1000

Maximum 120

Number of general education courses completed (5 points each)

ENGL 1010 = 5 points

RHAB 1010 = 5 points

Maximum 10

Reading score

ACCUPLACER Score of 95 to 120 \div 3

OR

31.6-40 points (Example: ACCUPLACER score $95 \div 3 = 31.6$)

Bachelor's degree

OR

40

ENGL 0890 Grade of A

OR

40

Maximum 40

Maximum Point Total

210 points

In the event of a tie grades will also be considered for the required general education courses that are completed. Students will receive points for grades in these courses using the scale used for the prerequisite courses. In the event that there continues to be a tie, priority will be given according to the date and time that the application was submitted.

Maximum tie breaker points

80

- Grade in ENGL 1010
- Grade in RHAB 1010

Credits granted through AP, CLEP, challenge exams or assessment for prior learning will be recognized as satisfying course requirements and will be assigned points equivalent to a "B."

Please review the Department of Health website at www.health.ri.gov/licenses/healthcare/index.php to learn about licensing requirements for the health sciences professions.

Please Note: A Social Security number may be required to begin the licensing process for the health sciences professions.