

Therapeutic Massage Program Associate Degree

Newport County Campus • Applications for Fall 2020-22 • TMSG

Program start date: Fall • Evening/Weekend program

Admissions Guidelines

Minimum requirements to apply to the Therapeutic Massage program:

1. **CCRI application** – Submit a completed CCRI Application for Enrollment. General Studies should be first choice, TMSG 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** – Complete the required standardize test (ACCUPLACER) administered by CCRI through the Department of Advising and Counseling.
Next-Generation ACCUPLACER
 - Competency of 250 or above is required for reading comprehension or completion of ENGL 0890. Critical Reading with a grade of “B-“ or better. (Classic ACCUPLACER scores are no longer accepted)
 - Demonstrate competency at MATH 1025 level by placing into MATH 1025 through the standardized placement test or complete MATH 099 with a “C” or better. The following approved courses will substitute for MATH 1025: MATH 1200, 2110, 1139, 1138, 1175, 1240, 1241, 1179, 1181, 2077, 2138, 2111, 2141, 2142, 2243. (The highest grade earned in any of these courses will be calculated in the point system.)
4. **Prerequisite courses** – Completion of the following courses with a grade of “C” or better:
(These courses are limited to two attempts)
 - BIOL 2201 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I (A&PI)
 - TMSG 1000 - Introduction to Therapeutic Massage
 - RHAB 1010 - Medical Terminology for Rehabilitative Health
 - RHAB 1020 - Fundamentals of Palpation
 - ENGL 1010 - Composition I (ENGL 1300 will not substitute for ENGL 1010).Students must be 18 years of age or older to register for TMSG 1000 – Introduction to Therapeutic Massage.
5. **GPA** – A cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better for all college courses taken.
6. **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.**
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 Degree 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 complete 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.shtml

Contact Deborah Watson on the Newport County Campus at dwatson@ccri.edu.

If more specific information is needed contact Regina Cobb, Program Director, at rmcobb@ccri.edu.

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TMSG Associate Degree Program Admission Criteria Point System

The performance-based acceptance process is based on the performance indicators identified for the TMSG 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 consisting of grades from COMM 1100, MATH 1025, PSYC 2010, PSYC 2030, elective
- Prerequisite GPA consisting of grades BIOL 1070 or BIOL 2201, ENGL 1010, RHAB 1020, RHAB 1010, TMSG 1000
- Grades in prerequisite courses above
- Grades for required general education courses completed
- Accuplacer Reading score

Average program and prerequisite GPA

Points

- Average GPA X 10
(Example: $3.67 \times 10 = 36.7$)
- Maximum 40

Grades in the prerequisite courses using the following scale:

A (94-100) = 40 points	B+ (87-89) = 33 points	C+ (77-79) = 23 points
A- (90-93) = 37 points	B (84-86) = 30 points	C (70-77) = 20 points
	B- (80-83) = 27 points	

- Grade in BIOL 2201
 - Grade in ENGL 1010
 - Grade in RHAB 1020
 - Grade in RHAB 1010
 - Grade in TMSG 1000
- Maximum 200

Number of general education courses completed using the grading scale above.

Multiply grade earned in general education courses by .125.

Gen Ed's	Points
A	5
A-	4.625
B+	4.125
B	3.75
B-	3.375
C+	2.875
C	2.5

- COMM 1100
- MATH 1025
- PSYC 2010
- PSYC 2030
- ELECTIVE

Maximum 25

Reading score

- Next Generation ACCUPLACER score of 263 to 300 28-40 pts
- OR
- Bachelor's degree 40
- OR
- ENGL 0890 Grade of A 40

NXTGEN Score	Points
263-265	28
269-274	30
275-280	32
281-286	34
287-292	36
293-298	38
299-300	40

Maximum point total

210 points

In the event of a tie in the performance rating, students who have completed RHAB 1100: Foundational Kinesiology will receive preference over those who have not. 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.

Maximum tie-breaker points

160 points

- Grade in COMM 1100
- Grade in MATH 1025
- Grade in PSYC 2010
- Grade in PSYC 2030

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/healthcareindex.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.