



# DAYTONA STATE COLLEGE

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your inquiry into the Massage Therapy Program at Daytona State College. Massage Therapy is a unique blend of art and science. The program emphasizes overall wellness and has adopted the mind, body, and spirit philosophy. The curriculum focuses on the study of Anatomy and Physiology for Massage Therapist, Healthcare Concepts, Pathologies, and the Theory of Bodywork Practices. The history of massage and Florida Laws are included in the course of study. Hands-on training will include the practical application of massage techniques, proper draping, body mechanics, and self care techniques. Additional training in Allied Modalities will orientate students in a variety of complementary fields and different types of body work. As part of the clinical, The Student Public Clinic offers an opportunity for students to work with clients outside of the student population. This is a valuable experience that will enhance interpersonal skills and provide the opportunity to gain valuable client feedback.

Massage Therapy is a vocational certificate program which begins only in the fall sessions. The program is completed within two semesters, fall and spring terms, totaling 750 hours. Currently, we offer an evening program that meets Monday through Thursday between the hours of 4pm and 10 pm. Students accepted will have an option to take a day clinical/lab which meets Tuesday and Thursday between the hours of 9 am and 3 pm. Applications are accepted anytime during the year.

Massage Therapy is an excellent career filled with diverse opportunities. Recognition in the medical community and continued positive media coverage has increased public awareness of its benefits.

Enclosed are an application and other information that describe the program's curriculum and objectives. For additional information, please feel free to contact me at (386) 506-3185, or Melissa Brown, Academic Advisor at (386) 506-3052 or [brownm@daytonastate.edu](mailto:brownm@daytonastate.edu)

Again, thank you for your inquiry regarding The Massage Therapy Program.

Sincerely,

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## **Massage Therapy Program Most Frequently Asked Questions**

### **1. When may I start the program?**

This program begins once a year in the fall term. Applications are accepted anytime throughout the year. Selection is based on the applicant's academic record. Application submission does not guarantee Program acceptance

### **2. What are the program hours?**

Currently, there is only an evening program. Classes meet Monday through Thursday between the hours of 4pm and 10pm. Student's accepted will have the option to take a Day clinical which meets on Tuesday and Thursday between the hours of 9am and 3pm. Classes are held on the Daytona Beach campus. Class times may vary according to the instructor.

### **3. What are the admission requirements for the program?**

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and have high school diploma or GED. Interested applicants must have the ability and willingness to participate in all course work.

Completion of college level English and Math (ENC1101 and MAT1033) with a passing grade of "C" or better. Alternately, completion of the TABE Placement Test with a satisfying exit score level (11<sup>th</sup> grade level in reading, English, and Math).

Applicants must also complete a Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) background check (\$24.00 fee) and not be found guilty of any Felony offense regardless of adjudication withheld.

### **4. Is this a certification program?**

Yes, a vocational certificate in Therapeutic Massage will be issued after successful completion of the 2 semester, 750-hour course.

### **5. Must I take a board exam upon completion of this program? What is the cost?**

As an eligibility criterion for licensure, a national certification examination must be taken. The approximate fees for these exams are \$225.00.

### **6. Is there a license requirement for this occupation?**

Yes, you must have a license to practice Massage Therapy in Florida. The approximate fee for licensure is \$205.00.

### **7. What is required to maintain Florida Licensure and National Certification?**

Florida Licensure:

24 Continuing Education Units (CEU) every two years  
Licensure renewal every two years at \$155

National Certification:

48 Continuing Education Units (CEU) every four years  
Renewal fee - \$100

**8. How much does the program cost?**

This is a 25-hour vocational credit course. The approximate cost of tuition \$77.86 for in-state (\$1,946.00) and for out-o- state \$311.48 (\$7,787.00); for textbooks, and supplies approximately \$500.00.

**9. What are the other financial responsibilities of the student?**

Clinical or field work attire is required. Students must have slacks, closed toe shoes, and a Polo shirt for clinical and field work. This dress code must meet the guidelines that are outlined in the program's policy manual.

Each student must supply their own linens. This includes a single set of sheets (one flat and fitted), a pillowcase, a large bath or beach towel, and two hand towels. Students are not required to purchase their own lotions or oils.

**10. Will financial aid be available?**

Yes. For those students who meet the eligibility requirements. Contact the Financial Aid office for more information.

Students must be ready to engage in an educational experience to gain technical skills and experience that will enable them to be a professional and responsible Massage Therapist.