



DAYTONA STATE COLLEGE

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your inquiry into the Massage Therapy Program at Daytona State College. This is a 750-hour, two semester vocational certificate program which begins every Fall Term. Currently we offer an Evening Program that meets Monday through Thursday between 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Students accepted will have an option to take a **Day clinical** which meets Tuesday and Thursday between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Applications are accepted anytime during the year.

Massage Therapy is a wonderful blend of art and science. Emphasis is on the Wellness Model, which adopts the mind, body and spirit philosophy. Along with Anatomy and Physiology, Kinesiology, students will study the history of massage and Florida law, the theory of bodywork practices and the practical application of technique. Proper draping, body mechanics and self care techniques will be learned. Training will include Pathology for Massage Therapists and in Allied Modalities you will also learn about complementary fields and types of Body Work. We also have a student public clinic, which offers the opportunity for students to work with clients outside of the student population. This is a valuable experience that will enhance your interpersonal skills and provide the opportunity to gain valuable client feedback.

Massage Therapy is a wonderful career filled with diverse opportunities. Continued positive media coverage and recognition in the medical community have 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 call me at (386) 506-3185, or Melissa Brown, Academic Advisor at (386) 506-3052.

Again, thank you for your inquiry regarding this program.

Sincerely,

Tassa Simmons, L.M.T.
Assistant Chair/Program Manager
Massage Therapy

Massage Therapy Program Most Frequently Asked Question's

1. When may I start the program?

This program begins once per year in the Fall term and is a two semester vocational Certificate program. Applications are accepted anytime during the year. Selection is first come, first serve based on the date the application is received by the School of Health Careers and Human Services Department.

2. What are the program hours?

We offer an **Evening program** and class hours are: Monday through Thursday, 4 P.M. to 10 P.M. Student's accepted will have the option to take the Day clinical which meets on Tuesday and Thursday from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. The program is 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 or older. High School Diploma or equivalent GED. Interested applicants must have the ability and willingness to participate in all course work.

The Exit Score level is required (10th grade level for reading and language, and 9th grade level for arithmetic) for the TABE placement tests, or completion of ENC1101 and MAT 1033 with a grade of "C" or better, or a combination of the fore mentioned criteria.

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, that would disqualify them from program entry.

4. Is this a certification program?

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

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

Yes, you must take the National Certification Examination. The cost for the exam is \$225.00

6. Is there a license requirement for this occupation?

Yes, you must have a license to practice in Florida. Once you pass the National Board Exam you may apply for licensure.

7. What is the cost to become licensed in Florida?

Florida license cost - \$205.00

8. 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:

50 Continuing Education Units (CEU) every four years

Renewal fee - \$100

9. How much does the program cost?

This is a 25-hour vocational credit course. The cost of tuition for Florida residents is \$72.21 per vocational credit hour (\$1,805) and the rate for non residents is \$288.80 per vocational credit hour (\$7,220). Textbooks are approximately \$400.

10. What are the other financial responsibilities of the student?

Clinical or field work attire – each student must have slacks, closed toe shoes, and a Polo shirt for clinical and field work. This dress code must meet the approval of the Program Manager. The approximate cost for a Polo shirt with school logo is \$20. It is suggested that you have at least 2 shirts.

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. Each student must supply their own lotions or oils. These must be approved by the Program Manager.

11. Will financial aid be available?

Yes. For those students who meet the eligibility requirements.

Each student 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.