Program Information

About the Program

The Massage Therapy Program is designed to prepare students for employment as licensed massage therapists. In a therapeutic training lab, a hydrotherapy lab and clinical environments, students practice Swedish massage as well as a variety of allied modalities in the lab and with diente in a public student clinic. Students learn how to gather diente information, assess client needs, perform dient-centered massage sessions and complete the session with ‘circle of communication’ documentation. The mission of the Massage Therapy Program is to provide high quality, employment focused workforce training designed to meet the changing needs of our diverse community. Program completers are eligible to take the National Certification for Therapeutic Massage examination or the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards examination for Florida State licensure. Attendance at an Information Session is mandatory. Please check the program website for dates and times www.palmbeachstate.edu/programs/MassageTherapy

Program Begins: Summer, 2017 Day

Choose one schedule: Full time Day schedule:
MSS0002 Introduction to Massage Therapy May 15, – June 6, 2017 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays 8a-3p
MSS0252 Massage Therapy I - June 12, - August 3, 2017 Monday through Thursdays 8:00am-3:30pm
MSS0262 Massage Therapy II - August 23 – October 18, 2017 Monday through Friday 8:00am-3:00pm
MSS0263 Massage Therapy III - October 19 – December 18, 2017 Monday through Friday 8:00am-3:00pm

Program Length: 750 clock hours
Program Location: Boca Raton campus-BT139/Clinicals on campus-BT132

Course Sequence/Contact Hours:

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<td><strong>TOTAL PROGRAM CLOCK HOURS</strong></td>
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What are the costs for the program?
The following costs are approximate and subject to change: In-state student (Florida Resident): $2,78 per clock hour. Out of state student (Non-Florida Resident): $10.91 per clock hour. (Rates could change from time of this posting.)

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<th>Cost</th>
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<td>Tuition (In state residents)</td>
<td>$2,085.00 (pay one course at a time)</td>
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<td>Textbooks</td>
<td>$265.42</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous (approximately)</td>
<td>$590.00 (Uniforms, name badge, physical exam, criminal background check, drug screening, lab fees, cap/gown)</td>
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<td><strong>Total:</strong></td>
<td><strong>$2,940.42</strong></td>
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Is there Financial Aid? Financial aid is available for this program and it is recommended that you apply early. You can apply online at [www.palmbeachstate.edu/FinancialAid](http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/FinancialAid).

Also, there are a limited number of scholarships through the College Foundation. Currently, all foundation Scholarships require the FAFSA, which may be filed on-line at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

What is the job outlook?
The outlook is excellent. With the high stress culture we live in and the results of tough research, massage therapy is in demand as a healing and preventative modality. Salary ranges for licensed graduates of such programs vary by region. The licensed massage therapist can expect to enter the job market at approximately $25,000 - $30,000 annually, with increases based on experience and specialization.

After graduation from the program, how can I further my education?
As a health profession, massage therapy requires career development with continuing education. Palm Beach State College offers Florida Board of Massage Therapy continuing education classes for licensed massage therapists. Online registration for continuing education courses: [www.palmbeachstate.edu/CCE](http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/CCE) and inquiries by phone: (561) 868-3548.

Requirements for Consideration for Selection

The following criteria must be completed and the relevant documentation submitted by the above application deadline. These criteria are established as the minimum to be eligible for placement in the selection pool. Meeting minimum criteria for selection does not guarantee admission to the Massage Therapy program. Final selection will be based on the applicant pool and space available. These criteria supersede any other information.

1. **COMPLETE Palm Beach State College APPLICATION:**

   **First-time Palm Beach State Students:** Submit a completed Palm Beach State general application at [www.palmbeachstate.edu](http://www.palmbeachstate.edu) (choose Apply top left corner) pay the appropriate fee by the deadline date. This one-time fee is $30 for U.S. citizens, $75. (U.S. currency) for international students and is non-refundable. Be sure to insert your current and active e-mail address where requested; be specific regarding your program of study. Once submitted and processed, a confirmation page with conditions of admission will be sent to the e-mail address provided in the college application. Print the confirmation page and follow the instructions within. **Applicants must also submit the program application contained in this packet and submit to the Admissions office.**

   **Non first-time Palm Beach State Students:** Must complete the program application in this packet and submit to the Admissions office. (Go to PantherWeb and change your course of study to “massage therapy”)
2. COMPLETE MASSAGE THERAPY APPLICATION:
Applicants must also submit the program application contained in this packet and submit it to the Admissions Office. Attendance at program information session is mandatory.

ACADEMIC HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED
Transcripts must be official and submitted to the Palm Beach State College Admissions Office proving a standard high school diploma, GED, or validated foreign equivalent. All applicants—new, current and college transfer students—must have their official high school or GED transcript on file at Palm Beach State College. You may download the transcript request form from our website at www.palmbeachstate.edu/admissions/transcript-request.aspx (transcripts are considered official if sent directly to Palm Beach State from the previous institution or hand-delivered in a sealed envelope sealed by the issuing institution). Students who received a Florida GED can request their scores using the downloaded form at www.palmbeachstate.edu/admissions/transcript-request.aspx. Transcripts must be on file at the Palm Beach State College Admissions Office by the deadline date.

COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS
Official college transcripts from ALL post-secondary institutions attended must be submitted to Palm Beach State Admissions Office (transcripts are considered official if sent directly to the college from the previous institution or hand-delivered in a sealed envelope sealed by the issuing institution). You may download the transcript request form from our website at www.palmbeachstate.edu/admissions/transcript-request.aspx. If you have attended college, Palm Beach State College still requires proof of a standard high school diploma, GED or validated foreign equivalent. Commercial evaluation of out of country transcripts is required and must be sent from an approved evaluating institution directly to Palm Beach State College. Information for approved evaluators is available at www.palmbeachstate.edu/academicservices/information-and-reference/faculty-credentialing-tools/foreign-transcript-evaluators.aspx. Transcripts must be on file at the Palm Beach State College Admissions Office by the deadline date.

TEST OF ADULT BASIC EDUCATION (TABE)
All applicants must take the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE), Survey, Level D prior to the application deadline date and must pass the TABE prior to program completion scoring 10th grade level in Reading and Language and 9th grade level in Math. Previously taken TABE tests are only valid if taken within two years of the program start date. Please pay the cashier and report to the testing center (with photo ID and paid receipt) to arrange to take the exam. There is a fee for this exam. The Student Learning Center (SLC) at each college location provides TABE remediation courses for students who need additional skills to pass the TABE test. For more information, please call 561-868-3795, VPI lab Lake Worth or 561-862-4485, VPI lab Boca Raton.

EXEMPTIONS: Students with an A.A, A.S, A.A.S degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution; students who have successfully completed the College Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST); or students who have already met the minimum cut scores, within the past two years, on the FCELPT (CPT), SAT1 or ACT-E, are exempt from the exam. Students must notify the Limited Access office of the exemption. Documentation required.

For TABE testing information call:
Belle Glade (561) 993-1125
Boa Raton (561) 862-4330
Lake Worth (561) 868-3011
Palm Beach Gardens (561) 207-5359

For TABE remediation information call SLC:
Belle Glade (561) 993-1148
Boa Raton (561) 862-4492
Lake Worth (561) 868-3795
Palm Beach Gardens (561) 207-5216

COURSE SUBSTITUTIONS:
Substitution requests for Health Care Concepts (HSC0003) must be made prior to the start of the program. If you have completed Introduction to Health Care Lecture and Lab (HSC1000/HSC1000L) with a C or better within the last five years, you will be exempt from taking Health Care Concepts (HSC0003). You must be current with AHA CPR for Healthcare Providers, Domestic Violence, and HIV/AIDS requirements. Use this link for your request. See more on Prior Learning requests: www.palmbeachstate.edu/Prior-Learning/.

After submitting your application:
Your criteria for selection can be viewed at www.palmbeachstate.edu/PantherWeb under the tab for ‘limited access application status. Status and all communication will be sent to your my.palmbeachstate.edu e-mail account including all acceptance documentation.
ACCEPTANCE/REGISTRATION:
Applicants who are selected will be notified approximately two weeks after the deadline date. If an applicant is selected and does not complete the registration process, the applicant forfeits acceptance and must reapply at the next cycle and is not guaranteed acceptance in any subsequent selection process. All students selected have provisional acceptance until the following items are received:

1. Palm Beach State College Health Sciences Medical Form; medical exam with physician clearance for good physical and mental health.
2. Palm Beach State College Health Sciences Process for Criminal Background Check (FDLE) (15 year check); student must be within the board of Massage Therapy regulations and have civil rights restored.
3. Palm Beach State College Health Sciences process for 10 panel Drug screen; must be negative.

All students selected have provisional acceptance until the following items are received:

The required paperwork must be completed and returned to the program director prior to the end date of MSS0002 or the student will be dropped from the program. After completions and submission of all required paperwork, the student will be formally accepted by the program director.

Other information provided with selection letter includes:
1. Course registration information.
2. Date and time of mandatory orientation upon provisional acceptance.

Applicant Point System for Selection

After all eligibility requirements for placement into the selection pool have been satisfied and points awarded selection will be based on the highest point totals first. In the event of ties for the remaining selection, a lottery will be held for all applicants in the pool with equal points. The following point system will be used for selection.

I. DEGREES RECEIVED
   College Degree (AAS, AS, AA, or higher) from a regionally-accredited institution. (5pt max)
   AA, AS or AAS degree ........................................................................................................... 1
   BA, BS, BAS ......................................................................................................................... 2
   MA or equivalent .................................................................................................................. 3
   Doctor level ......................................................................................................................... 5

II. PROGRAM COMPLETER........................................................................................................3
   Completion of an accredited health occupations program with minimum 150 clock hours; check FACTS.org for a list of accredited programs; must present official certificate of completion or transcript with posted certificate or degree to receive points. Additional certificates may include: Esthetician, Cosmetology, Reflexology and Equine/Animal Massage.

III. SCIENCES COURSES
   BSC2085 w/lab .................................................................................................................. 1
   BSC2086 w/lab .................................................................................................................. 1

MAXIMUM POINTS POSSIBLE......................................................................................... 10

Your criteria for selection can be viewed at www.palmbeachstate.edu/PantherWeb under Limited Access Application Status and all communication will be sent to your my.palmbeachstate.edu email account including all acceptance documentation.

IF AN APPLICANT IS SELECTED AND DOES NOT ENTER THE PROGRAM OR IS NOT SELECTED, THE APPLICANT MUST REAPPLY AND IS NOT GUARANTEED ACCEPTANCE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT SELECTION PROCESS.
**PROGRAM OBJECTIVE- 5232**

1. Palm Beach State College STUDENT ID __________ - __________ - __________

2. NAME: ________________________________________________________________

   LAST FIRST MIDDLE SUFFIX

3. LOCAL ADDRESS:

   ________________________________________________________________

   NUMBER AND STREET ADDRESS CITY

   COUNTY (or PROVINCE) STATE ZIP CODE

4. E-MAIL ADDRESS: __________________________ @ ________________________

5. HOME TELEPHONE: ( __________________ ) __________________

   CELL PHONE ( __________________ )

6. DATE OF BIRTH ___/___/____ MM DD YY

7. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE? □ Yes □ No OR GED? □ Yes □ No

8. COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

   List all postsecondary colleges or universities you have enrolled. Omission of any constitutes falsification of records and voids application.

   **TRANSCRIPTS**—Official transcript sent directly to Palm Beach State College or hand delivered in a sealed envelope from issuing school/agency. All applicants, including college transfers, must submit high school or GED transcripts directly to Palm Beach State College. College transfer students must submit official transcripts from all colleges in which applicant has enrolled. If any of your transcripts, test scores, etc., might arrive under any names other than those listed above, enter names here:

   __________________________________  __________________________________  __________________________________  __________________________________

   NAME OF INSTITUTION CITY/STATE DATES DEGREE CREDIT

   __________________________________  __________________________________  __________________________________  __________________________________

   (To list more colleges/universities, attach a separate page.)

9. HAVE YOU TAKEN THE TABE TEST? □ Yes □ No -- Date of testing ___________ (cannot be more than 2 years old)

10. TRANSCRIPTS FROM ANY MASSAGE THERAPY PROGRAMS? □ Yes □ No

   (If yes, a letter of good standing is required from previous program.)

11. DO YOU HAVE FOREIGN TRANSCRIPTS IN A MASSAGE THERAPY PROFESSION? □ Yes □ No

   If yes, you must have a course-by-course commercial evaluation from an accredited company performed and mailed directly to Palm Beach State College.

   (Information on accredited companies at this link: [www.palmbeachstate.edu/admissions/transcript-request.aspx](http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/admissions/transcript-request.aspx))

   I understand that falsification or omission of any information may result in my dismissal or rejection from the College. I have read and understand all of the instructions pertaining to the Massage Therapy program as explained in the packet.

   SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT __________________________ DATE __________________________

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