

# Massage Therapy Program

PLACE AN "X" IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

FULL TIME – Days

Summer 2019-3

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

**April 1, 2019**



**PALM BEACH STATE  
COLLEGE**

**Palm Beach State at Boca Raton**  
801 Palm Beach State College Drive  
Boca Raton, FL 33431

Massage Therapy Program Office (561) 862-4722, 862-4720  
Limited Access Program Office (561) 862- 4340

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## Program Information

### About the Program

The Massage Therapy Program is designed to prepare our students for employment as licensed massage therapists. In therapeutic training lab, hydrotherapy lab and clinical environments, students will practice Swedish massage as well as a variety of allied modalities. Practice in the lab and with clientele in a public student clinic prepares our students for "real world" experience. Students will learn how to gather client information, assess client needs, perform client-centered massage sessions and complete medical documentation in the form of SOAP note charting. The goal 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 strongly encouraged.** Please check the program website for dates and times [www.palmbeachstate.edu/programs/MassageTherapy](http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/programs/MassageTherapy)

**Program Begins:** Summer, 2019 Day

### Full time Day schedule:

MSS0002 Introduction to Massage Therapy **May 15, – June 6, 2019 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays 8a-3p**

MSS0252 Massage Therapy I - **June 10, - August 1, 2019 Monday through Thursdays 8:00am-3:30pm**

MSS0262 Massage Therapy II - **August 21 – October 16, 2019 Monday through Friday 8:00am-3:00pm**

MSS0263 Massage Therapy III - **October 17 – December 17, 2019 Monday through Friday 8:00am-3:00pm**

**Program Length:** 750 clock hours

**Program Location:** Boca Raton campus-BT139/Lab and Student Clinic on campus-BT132

### Course Sequence/Contact Hours:

Course ID	Clock Hours
MSS0002 Introduction to Massage Therapy	78
MSS0252 Massage Therapy I	200
MSS0262 Massage Therapy II	235
MSS0263 Massage Therapy III	237
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM CLOCK HOURS</b>	<b>750</b>

### 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.)**

Tuition (In state residents)	\$ 2,085.00 (pay one course at a time)
Textbooks	\$ 263.00
Miscellaneous (approximately)	\$ 370.00 (physical exam, criminal background check, drug screening, lab fees)
Uniforms	\$ 51.00 (Name tag, 1 Uniform Shirt)
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,769.00</b>

### 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?

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of massage therapists is projected to grow 26% from 2016-2026, much faster than the average for all occupations. As more healthcare providers understand the benefits of massage and make massage a part of treatment plans, the demand for massage therapists will likely increase.

The median annual wage for massage therapists as of May 2017 was \$39,990 (with an annual mean wage in Florida of \$46,790) and increases based on experience and specialization.

### After graduation from the program, how can I further my education?

As a health-related profession, massage therapy requires career development through 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 the Palm Beach State College Application:

#### First-time Palm Beach State Students:

Submit a completed Palm Beach State College 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 \$40 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 complete the program application contained in this packet and submit it to the Admissions Office. Attendance at program information session is strongly encouraged.

### 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/academicservices/information-and-reference/faculty-credentialing-tools/foreign-transcript-evaluators.aspx) Transcripts must be on file at the Palm Beach State 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 10<sup>th</sup> grade level in Reading and Language and 9<sup>th</sup> grade level in Math unless you qualify for exemption. Florida high school graduates after the year 2007 and college degree are exempt. Previously taken TABE tests are only valid if take within 2 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 FCELP (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
Boca 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
Boca Raton	(561) 862-4492
Lake Worth	(561) 868-3795
Palm Beach Gardens	(561) 207-5216

### After submitting your application:

Your criteria for selection can be viewed at [www.palmbeachstate.edu/PantherWeb](http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/PantherWeb) under the Icon 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 10 business days 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.

**The required paperwork listed above must be completed and returned to the program director prior to the start date of MSS0252 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. SCIENCE COURSES**

BSC2085 w/lab .....	1
BSC2086 w/lab .....	1

MAXIMUM POINTS POSSIBLE..... 10

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Please Type or Print Clearly 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:

Table with 5 columns: 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)

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

Edited: 7/25/2017