Massage Therapy
Limited Access Program
Application
Spring 2020
Full-Time Day and Part-Time Evening
APPLICATION DEADLINE:
November 15, 2019

Palm Beach State College
801 Palm Beach State College Drive
Boca Raton, FL 33431
Massage Therapy Program Office
(561) 862-4722
Submit completed paper application to any Admissions Office Location:
https://www.palmbeachstate.edu/Locations/

Program Information

About the Program
The Massage Therapy Program is designed to prepare students for employment as licensed massage therapists. The program consists of two equally important components—traditional classroom instruction and clinical training. In the therapeutic training lab, hydrotherapy lab and clinical environments, the student 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 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 (www.palmbeachstate.edu/programs/MassageTherapy) for dates and times.

Full-time Day
Program Begins/Ends: January 15 — July 15 *
Program Length: 750 Clock Hours, 7 months
Program Schedule: Monday – Friday, approximately 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Part-time Evening
Program Begins/Ends: January 13 — December 10 *
Program Length: 750 Clock Hours, 12 months
Program Schedule: Monday – Thursday, approximately 4:30 PM – 9:30 PM

*These dates are approximate and subject to change.

Program Location: Boca Raton campus

Course Sequence/Contact Hours:

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<th>Course ID</th>
<th>Clock Hours</th>
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<tr>
<td>MSS0002 Introduction to Massage Therapy</td>
<td>78</td>
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<td>MSS0252 Massage Therapy I</td>
<td>200</td>
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<td>MSS0262 Massage Therapy II</td>
<td>235</td>
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<td>MSS0263 Massage Therapy III</td>
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<td>Total Program Clock Hours</td>
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What are the costs for the program?
Costs are approximate and subject to change. Please refer to the current College catalog for tuition rates per clock hour. Scrubs, name badge, FDLE Screening (Criminal Background and Drug Screening), Physical Examination, Immunizations, FSMTA Certification Examination are at the student’s own expense (all mandatory). The estimated program costs are as follows:

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<th>Description</th>
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<td>Tuition (In-state residents)</td>
<td>$2,085.00</td>
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<td>Textbooks (approximate)</td>
<td>$265.00</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous (approximate)</td>
<td>$420.00</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>$2,770.00</td>
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Financial aid is available for this program and it is recommended that you apply early. Information about the process can be found online at www.palmbeachstate.edu/financialaid. Also, there are a limited number of scholarships available through the College Foundation. Currently, all foundation Scholarships require the FAFSA, which may be filed on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The toll-free helpline is 1-800-433-3243, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. – midnight. The institution code is 001512. For assistance with Financial Aid at Palm Beach State College, please call 561-868-3330.
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, 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 professional 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 is available at: www.palmbeachstate.edu/CCE. You may also inquire by phone at (561) 868-3548.

Requirements for Consideration and Selection

Meeting the criteria for selection does not guarantee admission to the Massage Therapy Program. Final selection will be based on the applicant pool. In the event of a tie, priority will go in order of when the program application was received by the admissions office. If a student is selected and does not enter the program, or is not selected, the student must reapply and is not guaranteed acceptance in any subsequent selection process.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. FIRST-TIME PALM BEACH STATE STUDENTS: Submit a completed Palm Beach State College general application and pay the appropriate application fee. New students will be assessed a $40 nonrefundable fee; international (F-1/M-1) students will be assessed a $75 nonrefundable application fee. Be sure to insert your current, active Palm Beach State College e-mail address. Upon receipt of your application, a confirmation page will be e-mailed to you with conditions of admission. Print the confirmation page and follow the instructions.

   MASSAGE THERAPY PROGRAM APPLICATION: All students must submit a program application to the admissions office as well, including those students returning to the program.

2. Academic High School Diploma or GED: Official transcripts must be submitted to the Admissions Office proving a standard high school diploma, GED, or validated foreign equivalent. All high school and GED transcripts must include a graduation date. Transcripts are considered official if sent directly to Palm Beach State College from the previous institution or hand-delivered in an envelope sealed by the issuing institution. The high school transcript may be waived for admissions purposes if a student has earned an Associate, Bachelor, or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution. Students who received a Florida GED can request their scores at www.ged.com. Please see the following link to request transcripts for High School diploma, GED, or previously attended institutions. www.palmbeachstate.edu/admissions/transcript-request.aspx

3. College Transcripts: Official college transcripts from ALL post-secondary institutions attended must be official and complete. Transcripts are considered official if sent directly to Palm Beach State College from the previous institution or are hand-delivered in a sealed envelope from the issuing institution. Official incomplete accumulated transcripts will be accepted only if transcripts with course progress have the most recent grades for the term prior to the deadline. You may download the transcript request form from our website at www.palmbeachstate.edu/admissions/transcript-request.aspx. All post-secondary records from out of the country must be submitted along with a commercial evaluation.

4. 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 unless you qualify for exemption. Previously taken TABE tests are only valid if taken within 2 years of the program start date. Please pay the cashier and report to the testing center to arrange to take the 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.

EXEMPTIONS: Florida high school graduates after the year 2007 and individuals who have earned a college degree are exempt. 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. 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 under the Icon for ‘limited access application status.” Status and all communication will be sent to your PBSC student e-mail account, including all acceptance documentation.

ACCEPTANCE/REGISTRATION:
Students who gain admittance into the program will be notified approximately 10 business days after the application deadline. If an applicant is selected and does not complete the registration process, the applicant forfeits acceptance, must reapply during a subsequent admissions cycle and is not guaranteed acceptance in any subsequent selection process. All selected students have provisional acceptance until the following items are completed and/or received:

1. Registration Information
2. Medical Exam Form
3. Criminal Background Check (FDLE) (15-year check)
4. 10-panel drug screen; must be negative.
5. Attend the Mandatory Orientation

The required paperwork listed above must be completed and returned to the program director prior to the start date of MSS0252 (Massage Therapy I) 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.

Applicant Point System for Selection

After all eligibility requirements for placement into the selection pool have been satisfied and points awarded accordingly, selection will be based on the highest point totals first. In the event of ties for the remaining selection, applications will be accepted in date or which is the order that they were received by the admissions office. The following point system will be used for selection.

I. DEGREES RECEIVED

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<td>AA, AS or AAS degree</td>
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<td>BA, BS, or BAS</td>
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<td>Masters or equivalent</td>
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II. PROGRAM COMPLETER

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

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III. SCIENCE COURSES

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MAXIMUM POINTS POSSIBLE: 10

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MASSAGE THERAPY PROGRAM APPLICATION
PROGRAM OBJECTIVE CODE - 5232

1. Spring 2020-2 Select one: ___ Day ___ Evening

2. Palm Beach State College Student ID number: _________________________________

3. Name
   _______________________________ _______________________________ _______________________________
   Last                      First                      Middle/Maiden                      Suffix

4. Local Address:
   ___________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________
   Number and Street Address                      City
   County (or Province)                      State                      Zip Code

5. Home Telephone: (                  )                      6. Cell Phone: (                  )

7. PBSC Email: _______________________________ @my.palmbeachstate.edu

8. Date of Birth: - - -

9. High School Graduate? ___ Yes ___ No                 OR GED? ___ Yes ___ No

10. 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.

11. If any of your transcripts, test scores, etc., might arrive under any name(s) other than that listed above, enter name(s) here: ___________________________________________________________

12. COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY – List all postsecondary colleges or universities in which you have enrolled. Omission of any kind constitutes falsification of records and voids the application.

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To list more colleges/universities, attach a separate page

13. Are you a Florida Resident? ___ Yes ___ No
   (Must submit proof of residency documentation)

14. Have you taken the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE)? ___ Exempt ___ Yes ___ No
   (TABE scores cannot be older than 2 years)

15. Are you a U.S. Veteran? ___ Yes ___ No
   (Must attach a copy of DD214 with honorable discharge with your application)

16. Have you attended a Massage Therapy program elsewhere? ___ Yes ___ No
   (If yes, a letter of good standing is required from previous program)

17. Do you have foreign transcripts in a Massage Therapy Profession? ___ Yes ___ No
   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.

Applicant’s Signature: _______________________________ _______________________________
   Signature                      Date

NOTE: 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

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