



CALHOUN  
COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE

# **MASSAGE THERAPY**

## **Certificate**

### **About the Program**

Massage Therapy is a massage therapy auxiliary field. As auxiliary team members, students in the Massage Therapy program are taught to be generalists. They perform a variety of functions in the massage therapy office requiring communication skills, critical thinking and sound judgment. Massage Therapists may provide assistance to the therapist, perform work in the massage therapy laboratory, provide client instruction, and perform office managerial duties. Through evaluation techniques, Massage Therapists enhance the quality of care the patient receives.

Certificates are programs of study designed to give students specific skills in a technology. Should students later wish to pursue a degree program, many courses within the certificate will apply toward the degree.

The Massage Therapy program is accredited by the Alabama Board of Massage Therapy and approved by the Council on Postsecondary Education.

### **Career Opportunities in the Field**

Massage Therapy graduates enjoy a vast array of job opportunities. Those opportunities include job potentials in hospitals, in salons, on cruise ships, independent private practice, long-term care facilities, physical therapy departments and resort areas. Pay scales are variable, based on specific job and locations; however, salaries may range from \$30,000 to \$70,000. The profession of Massage Therapy is growing, and opportunities exist in many rewarding areas.

### **How Do I Apply?**

Applicants must meet the admission requirements of Calhoun Community College. Applicants should be eligible to take English 101 and Math 100, Math 112 or Math 116 or have permission of the instructor. For more information/appointment, contact Ms. Carolyn Walls, Massage Therapy instructor, 256-260-1437 or the Allied Health Department Secretary, Ms. Ann Wagnon, at 256-306-2786.

## How Much Will it Cost?

Tuition at Calhoun — the fees paid to take classes— is among the lowest in the area. A full-time student will pay between \$1140-\$1520 per 15-week semester. A single class will cost only \$285. Since the college does not have dormitories, the only other costs will be for transportation to and from class and books and supplies. And, if you need help with college costs, the Office of Student Financial Services has information on grants, work study, scholarships, and loans.

## Curriculum

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#### First Term

<b>Course</b>	<b>Semester Hours</b>
MSG 100 Massage History & Theory.....	1
MSG 101 Massage Therapy Lab I.....	4
MSG 111 Anatomy and Physiology.....	3
MSG 156 Career and Personal Development .....	2
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>10</b>

#### Second Term

MSG 112 Musculo-Skeletal and Kinesiology I .....	3
MSG 102 Massage Therapy Lab II.....	4
MSG 114 Pathology .....	3
MSG 120 Massage Therapy Supervised Clinical I.....	1
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>11</b>

#### Third Term

MSG 113 Musculo-Skeletal & Kinesiology II .....	3
MSG 121 Massage Therapy Supervised Clinical II.....	1
MSG 130 Special Populations.....	3
MSG 160 National Certification Exam Review.....	1
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>8</b>

**TOTAL CREDITS .....**29

**For program information,  
call Carolyn Walls at 256-260-1437 or  
Ann Wagon at 256-306-2786.**

**Program is three semesters in length.**

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