

## Certificate

# MASSAGE THERAPY

Are you a patient, caring person who likes to make other people feel good? If so, HGTC's Massage Therapy certificate program might be a good fit for you. Massage is a healing art as well as a science, requiring a balance of academic and technical knowledge, clinical skills, manual dexterity, sensitivity, and awareness. This program prepares you to become certified so you can obtain an entry-level position as a professional Massage Therapist.

### PROGRAM INFORMATION

#### Specific Admission Requirements for Program

- Criminal Background Check required prior to registering for MTH 135
- Urine Drug Screening required prior to registering for MTH 135
- Health Science Division Student Health Record - must indicate student has ability to perform required physical tasks
- Purchase Massage Table
- Purchase Uniforms
- Purchase equipment and supplies
- Student must be 18 years of age by beginning of second term
- To be licensed as a Massage Therapist in the state of South Carolina the graduate must pass the National Certification Exam for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCETMB), National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage (NCETM), the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEx), or any other examination provided for in regulation and apply for massage therapist licensure with the Labor and Licensing Regulation Board of South Carolina. The cost of completing a licensure examination and application for licensure is not included in the cost of tuition for the program.

#### Course Sequence and Progression Requirements

A minimum grade of "C" or better is required for all MTH-prefixed courses for progression and graduation. Most Massage Therapy (MTH) courses are offered only once each year, so following the recommended course sequence is extremely important.

### CURRICULUM SEQUENCE

#### First Semester - Fall

MTH 136	Kinesiology for Massage Therapy	2
MTH 120	Introduction to Massage Therapy	4
MTH 121	Principles of Massage Therapy I	4
MTH 122	Principles of Massage Therapy II	4
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>

#### Second Semester - Spring

MTH 113	Essentials of Anatomy & Physiology	3
MTH 128	Clinical Applications of Massage	4
MTH 132	Massage Therapy Seminar	1
MTH 135	Massage Practicum	2
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>24</b>

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