

# MASSAGE THERAPY

Health Career Admissions  
Program Code: G.MSG.CER

## Certificate

Graduation requirement — 39 semester hours

The Massage Therapy Certificate trains students in basic therapeutic massage techniques to educate them about the human body and the physiological effects of massage on the body, to prepare them for their role in the health care community, and to promote professionalism, caring, high ethical conduct, and continuing education. This program is designed for part-time students to attend during the day or evenings and weekends.

## Program Notes

- This program prepares students to meet the educational requirements for licensure in the state of Illinois. Parkland College has not yet determined that this program meets the requirements for licensure of any other state.
- This is a selective admissions program — students must be admitted into the program before taking MSG courses. See the selective admissions page for more information regarding admission, progression, and graduation.
- Placement into ENG 101 and college level reading is required for admission to the program. Students should see an academic success advisor for guidance through the application process.
- Students who are non-native speakers of English must establish English proficiency through:
  - Minimum TOEFL iBT scores in reading, listening, speaking, and writing: 15-15-18-15; *or*
  - Minimum IELTS scores in reading, listening, speaking, and writing: 6-6.5-6.5-5.
- A scoring rubric will be applied for all applicants, and the most qualified students will be admitted. Selection criteria include a minimum 2.0 grade point average, certificate/degree completion, biology completion, biology grade, and/or military experience.
- BIO 111 online or hybrid courses are not accepted.
- Completion of BIO 121 and BIO 122 is equivalent to completion of BIO 111.
- Completion of MSG 110, Careers in Massage Therapy, is strongly recommended prior to admission.
- Graduation requirements include the following:
  - The ability to give an effective full body Swedish Massage in 60 minutes.
  - Completion of 30 hours of massage clinicals.
  - Fulfilment of all ethical and behavioral requirements of the Professional/AMTA Code of Ethics and the program.

## Suggested Sequence

<i>SUMMER</i>	<i>FALL</i> <i>1st Semester</i>	<i>SPRING</i> <i>2nd Semester</i>
BIO 111	MSG 111 MSG 112 MSG 119 ENG 101	MSG 113 MSG 114 MSG 131 PSY 101

<i>EARLY SUMMER</i>	<i>SUMMER</i>
MSG 115	MSG 117 MSG 132

## Required Program Courses (28 hours) Cr. Hrs.

MSG 111	Introduction to Massage Therapy.....	1.5
MSG 112	Massage Therapy I.....	4
MSG 113	Pathology for Massage Therapists.....	3
MSG 114	Massage Therapy II.....	6.5
MSG 115	Business Practices and Ethics.....	3
MSG 117	Massage Therapy III.....	4
MSG 119	Musculoskeletal Anatomy for Massage Therapy.....	3
MSG 131	Massage Therapy Clinical Practicum I.....	2
MSG 132	Massage Therapy Clinical Practicum II.....	1

## Required General Education Courses (11 hours)

BIO 111	Basic Anatomy and Physiology.....	4
ENG 101	Composition I.....	3
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology.....	4

*Total Semester Credit Hours* 39