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1. What do Massage Therapy (MASS) courses involve?

Massage Therapy courses include classroom, practice lab, and clinical experiences. Commitment and dedication from the student is imperative in order to be successful in the program. This program is designed to prepare students to work as professional Massage Therapists in a variety of health settings and equip them with the additional skills required to be a holistically trained member of allied health and integrative medicine teams. Program graduates will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination given by the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCBTMB). And upon passing the exam be able to apply to the Maryland Board of Chiropractic and Massage Therapy Examiners for State licensure.

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2. What is the practice lab?

The practice lab for Massage Therapy is where students have the opportunity to work on the protocol they have learned in the bodywork classes. Depending on the student's level, the student is required to be in the lab a certain number of hours each semester, i.e. Level I – 60 hours, Level II and III 90 hours. The lab is staffed with supervisors who are Certified Massage Therapists to assist the student in their delivery of techniques and body mechanics. The practice lab is available throughout the week with day, evening and Saturday hours. Open lab hours are posted at the beginning of each semester.

The lab also houses a student clinic. Both Level II and Level III will be expected to put in approximately 20 hours throughout the semester. The student clinic hours will count towards the practice lab hours. An additional 15 hours in student clinic is required during the summer session. The clinic's hours of operation will vary from semester to semester.

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3. What is involved in the completion of the clinical education?

The clinical experience is only offered at the third level. Students must attend a mandatory orientation session, complete and pass an exam based on the material presented in this session, and provide results for a PPD test for tuberculosis, given within the past 12 months. It is strongly suggested that students have personal health insurance.

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4. Where and what times is the clinical education offered?

Franklin Square Hospital, Ambulatory Outpatient Oncology serves as the major clinical site for the Massage Therapy program. There are two locations, one in Baltimore County and the other in Harford County. Clinical duty is scheduled during daytime hours from Monday through Friday and students are required to complete a minimum of 8-12 hours in this setting.

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5. How are students selected for the Massage Therapy program?

Admission to the College is a separate process from admission to the Massage Therapy program, and you must apply for admission to the College prior to applying to the program. The program enrollment process is selective and is completed while attending the prerequisite course MASS 101 Introduction to Massage. The prospective student must complete a selective admissions application to include a brief autobiographical sketch stating why you are interested in becoming a Massage Therapist, a questionnaire, and three character references. All applicants will be interviewed by the director and take a learning style inventory assessment.

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6. Are classes offered both day and evening?

Currently, yes.

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7. What are the additional expenses the massage therapy students are responsible for besides tuition?

Students are responsible for textbooks, providing their own linens and massage crèmes, transportation, the cost of PPD testing, securing CPR and first aid credentials, and the purchase of a massage therapy shirt and khaki pants.

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8. What is the employment outlook for massage therapists?

Massage has become increasingly popular among consumers. So the employment outlook is increasing and opportunities within the field are wide and varied depending on ones interest.

Some of the arenas graduates would be able to work in are hospitals, clinics, chiropractor and doctor offices, wellness centers, fitness centers and salons, corporate wellness programs, sports and performing arts activities, as well as their own private practice.

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9. How can I get more information about the CCBC Essex Massage Therapy Program?

The Selective Admissions office coordinates admissions for the Massage Therapy program. The [Office of Selective Admissions](#) can be reached at 443-840-1980, or you may contact the Director of the Massage Therapy program, Cher Hunter, MA, LMT, at 443-840-1431, by email chunter@ccbcmd.edu.

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