

Massage Therapy

School of Health Professions
Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC)
Essex Campus

Admission Guide

2019 - 2020



Massage Therapy

Welcome

On behalf of the School of Health Professions, welcome to the Massage Therapy program application process. Approaching its 20-year anniversary, the Massage Therapy program is well respected for educational excellence in the community, the state, and nationwide. Our faculty team is highly skilled and are some of the best educators and massage therapists in the industry. We would love for you to see what you can be with us here at CCBC. Please carefully review the information contained within this guide to ensure you have completed all steps required for admission consideration.

I wish you the best with submission of your admission application.

Sincerely,

Robin B. Anderson, MEd, LMT, BCTMB, CEAS
Program Director

Program Description

The CCBC Massage Therapy Program is a comprehensive educational program that leads to an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree in Massage Therapy. The coursework covers a vast breadth of knowledge and skills of massage therapy within the scope of practice as an allied health professional. Students develop competencies in therapeutic massage techniques via in-depth study of anatomy and physiology, pathology, and kinesiology, and are exposed to a variety of practice environments such as sports massage, private clinics, and medical treatment centers. These curricular components extensively prepare graduates to successfully pass the national Massage and Bodywork Licensure Examination (MBLEx), and then the Maryland State jurisprudence exam, leading to State licensure as a Licensed Massage Therapist (LMT). Additionally, graduates have options to earn a Specialty Certification in Integrative Health and/or to prepare for Board Certification from the National Certification Board of Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCBTMB). A new option for a Sports Massage Specialty Certificate is also coming soon. New for the 2019 – 2020 academic year – the Program now offers a blended learning option, called the Fast Track, where coursework is delivered in both online and face-to-face formats. This enables students to allow for a more flexible learning schedule either to complete the program within 12 months if attending full time and/or to minimize physical face-to-face class time by learning some components online.



Accreditation

The CCBC Massage Therapy Program has been offered on the Essex campus since November 2000 and is accredited by Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation (COMTA) through 2024, approved by Maryland Higher Education Commission, and approved by the Maryland State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners within the State Department of Health. Graduates from the CCBC Massage Therapy Program have earned the distinction of achieving a 100% pass rate on their national and state licensing exams every year since 2015. The curriculum is rigorous and challenging; however, the Program takes pride in its admirable reputation in the metropolitan region and nationwide for its level of excellence in developing quality massage therapists.

Admissions Deadline

Students may apply to the program at any time during the academic year, but for best consideration, applications must be **fully completed by the first of each month** in order to progress to the next steps in the admissions process. The applications will close:

- On July 1st for fall
- On December 1st for Spring
- On April 1st for Summer

Class starts may happen in the Fall, Spring, and/or Summer semesters, but it is dependent on the volume of qualified applicants ready to start the program. To assure being eligible for the next available class start, students are encouraged to apply as soon as their prerequisites are completed, or at a minimum, the prerequisite courses are in progress with a progress grade of a “C” or better indicating likely successful completion.

Required Coursework Prior to Admission

Must be completed with a grade of “C” or better grade in the following courses prior to acceptance into the program.

- ALHL 109 (1 credit)
- BIOL 109 (4 credits)
- MASS 101 (2 credits)

Students may apply to the program if the prerequisite courses are in progress and they wish to enter the program in the first available class start.

Additional Coursework

These courses are not required to be completed by the admission deadline, however, it is suggested for students intending to enter the Massage Therapy program to take the following courses before entering the program and/or by the end of the first semester in the program.

- ALHL 115 (3 credits)
- HLTH 126 (3 credits) – also a general education requirement
- MNGT 101 – can be taken at any time

Admission Criteria

All candidates applying to the program must have a GPA of 2.00 for any courses completed at CCBC and/or a 2.00 GPA in any prior coursework from any other institution or training program. Transfer students from other massage therapy training programs must be reviewed by the Program Director.

Applicants must provide as part of their CAS application:

- 3 references with at least 2 as professional references; 1 may be a personal reference.
- Upload unofficial copies of transcripts and other academic documentation as general proof of eligibility. PDF files can be attached to the application.
- A brief personal statement explaining their background and motivation for entering the Massage Therapy Program.
- Indication of whether the student is applying as a part time student or a full time student, and if they are seeking to enter the Fast Track Blended Learning Option or prefer fully face to face courses.

Massage therapy is a labor intensive profession, applicants must be physically capable to both give and receive bodywork. Applicants offered admission are required to submit to a physical examination completed by their physician and demonstrate a current immunity record in order to begin the program.

Steps for Admission

1. Apply for admission to CCBC at <http://www.cbcmd.edu/apply>
2. Participate in assessment testing, if necessary.
3. Complete prerequisite courses as necessary.
4. Once you have your CCBC Student ID number, log into <https://shp.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login> and apply to the program by the

suggested application deadline. The **non-refundable** \$50 application fee is due at time of submission. Applications are not considered complete if the application fee is not paid.

5. It is the sole responsibility of the student to ensure that all documents have been received or uploaded into the SHP CAS by the **first of the month best consideration deadline.**
6. Applicants will receive an email indicating that their SHP CAS application has been evaluated. Further instructions for next steps will be included in the email.

TRANSCRIPTS

1. This program requires that all unofficial college transcripts be uploaded to the SHP CAS preferably 4-6 weeks prior to the admission deadline.
 - a. SHP CAS Transcript Processing Center
 - i. All **unofficial** U.S. College transcripts, **including CCBC**, are required to be uploaded into your SHP CAS application.
 - b. CCBC Enrollment Services Center, Baltimore, MD
 - i. Additionally, **ALL official** U.S. College transcripts, **not including CCBC**, must be sent to the CCBC Enrollment Services Center. Directions can be found using this URL <https://www.cbcmd.edu/get-started>.
 - c. SHP Admission Office, Baltimore, MD
 - i. If you have CLEP scores, AP scores and/or an International College Transcript evaluation, the official score report or evaluation must be sent directly to our office. Do not send it to Watertown or to Enrollment Services. We will forward the report or evaluation once we have used it for admission consideration, to the appropriate group.

CCBC School of Health Professions Admission Office

7201 Rossville Blvd.

Administration Building, Suite 100

Baltimore, Maryland 21237

2. All applicants are responsible for checking to see that their transcripts have been received in the appropriate locations.
 - a. SHP CAS – log into your applications and select the Check Status tab in the upper right corner. If you have a concern, select the blue question mark at the top of your application and follow the prompts.
 - b. CCBC Enrollment Services – Log into your SIMON account to determine if your transcripts have been received and to review your transfer of credit.

Applications missing transcripts will not be considered for admission.



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Course Planning Interview Sessions

Candidates with fully completed applications will be contacted to schedule course planning interview sessions with BOTH the program director and one of the academic advisors affiliated with the program. Applicants are invited to schedule their course planning interview sessions if they are on track to fully meet the program entry requirements within the current semester. Students interested in the Fast Track Blended Learning option will be required to take an online learning readiness assessment prior to acceptance into the Fast Track option.

Admission Response

Admissions decisions are mailed to students via email approximately 2 to 3 weeks after the candidate has completed their required course planning interview sessions. The letter will indicate acceptance and will tentatively suggest your semester start of the program. If you have applied to enter the Fast Track option, the letter will indicate if you qualified for this option as well. Instructions on how to accept your seat in the CAS system will be provided in the email letter. Please be sure to check the email that you submitted on your CAS application for admissions responses. Once you accept your seat, the Program Director will arrange to register you for your first semester of Massage Therapy classes within the Program. You will be provided with additional information on mandatory orientation sessions for both SHP and the Massage Therapy Program and physical examination forms to be completed.

Post Admission

Applicants who are admitted into the Massage Therapy Program must be prepared to provide the following prior to the start of their first semester entering the program.

- Proof of a recent physical examination with current immunizations,
- Proof of current health insurance

Further information is provided at Program Orientation by the Program Director. Additionally, all students will be required to purchase uniforms. Uniform fitting will take place during the Program Orientation session and uniforms are ordered through the Bookstore. Further instructions will be given on setting up an account in the Castle Branch system for collection of clinical documentation and verification to prepare you for your upcoming clinical rotations in the Program; all SHP students participating in clinical rotations are required to use Castle Branch and complete the necessary requirements (i.e. background check, drug screening, immunization, etc.). The cost of registration for the Castle Branch system is \$94.50 and all students are responsible for this fee as a requirement of the program.

Who to Contact

Academic Advising – Advising is available at all campuses and extension centers. Please ask to speak with a **Health and Science Pathways Advisor** only. For the Essex campus call 443-840-1973 or visit the Student Services Center, Room 102A. The hours, addresses and phone numbers for all sites can be found by calling 443-840-2222 or online at

<http://www.ccbcmd.edu/Resources-for-Students/Academic-Advisement/Contact-an-Academic-Advisor.aspx>.

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