

Admission Requirements for *Certificate of Proficiency* in Massage Therapy

Program Application Information/Submission date

Application is submitted to the Massage Therapy Program office at the Eastern Campus.

Mailing address:

ATTN: Massage Therapy Program Manager
Cuyahoga Community College- Eastern Campus
4250 Richmond Road
Highland Hills, OH 44122-6195

High School/GED Required

- Must be a high school graduate/GED (see <http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/4731-1-15>).
- Contact Program Manager regarding high school transcripts from a foreign country.
- Official high school transcripts must be mailed directly from the educational institution to Tri-C's Office of the Registrar.

Other Core/Course Requirements (also see GPA below)

- Eligibility for ENG-1010 or completion of ENG-0990 with a letter grade of "C" or better
- Eligibility for MATH-0955 or completion of MATH-0910 with a letter grade of "C" or better
 - Please meet with Tri-C Academic Counselor to determine eligibility for MATH-0955 and ENG-1010.
- Non-native English Speaking Applicants with a foreign country high school diploma: Completion of ESL-1310, English as a Second Language: Grammar for Communication III, and ESL-1320, English as a Second Language: Reading and Writing III, before acceptance to the Massage Therapy Program. Or contact Program Manager for TOFEL Score Information.

GPA

- If courses already taken at Tri-C or other college/university, overall minimum of 2.5 GPA. (High school GPA is used for students without a college/university GPA.)
- Students with an overall GPA lower than 2.5, but no lower than 2.0, can be accepted as "Conditional Status" students. Contact the Program Manager for more information regarding "Conditional Acceptance" and "Conditional Status."
- Students will be placed on Conditional Status if a "U," Unsatisfactory, is received for any of the Massage Therapy courses during Academic Progress Reporting in the first semester.
- Once accepted, students must maintain a 2.5 GPA throughout program. Students with an Overall and/or MT course GPA below 2.5 but no lower than 2.0 will be placed on Conditional Status.

Number accepted per year:

Each Fall Semester, 25 students accepted for the day classes and 25 per year for the evening classes (a combined total of 50 each year which includes students in the Certificates and Degree program).

Other:

- Tri-C Health Careers Criminal background check required. Final acceptance into the Massage Therapy Program depends on the results from the required background check.
 - Please note: After graduating from the Massage Therapy Program, the State Medical Board of Ohio requires that all applicants for massage licensure must submit BCII and FBI fingerprints and a criminal background check as part of the massage licensure application process. Please see Rule 4731-4-02(D) of the Ohio Administrative Code for factors the medical board may consider when reviewing the results of a criminal record check.
 - **Important:** Arrests, charges or convictions of criminal offenses may be cause to deny or limit licensure or employment opportunities and may limit the student's ability to obtain federal, state, and other financial aid. Students are encouraged to investigate these possibilities before applying to the Massage Therapy Program.
- Students must submit evidence of good health and required immunizations before final acceptance to the program. Students will not be accepted or dropped from the program if significant limiting health conditions are present to prevent a student from performing the essential functions of a Massage Therapy student and/or constitute a hazard to health and safety of participants or classmates.
- Tri-C Liability insurance must be purchased at \$12.50 once a year for each year student remains in the program. See the Massage Therapy Application Packet for details.
- Pass/No Pass (P/NP) and Audit (A) grading options for English and Math or any other courses in the Massage Therapy Program Sequence not accepted.
- All science and math courses must have been completed within seven years.
- All massage courses in the sequence can only be repeated once to improve a grade.
- Accepted applicants are required to attend a group orientation session prior to the start of Fall Semester.
- Students must meet all college, program and medical board admissions requirements before acceptance to the program. This includes timely and correct completion of all required paperwork. Students are then accepted to the program on a "first-come, first-served" basis once a year. See the Massage Therapy Application Packet for details.
- Applicants are encouraged to contact the program manager before applying to the program.