

Massage Therapy Certificate/ Area of Specialization (3451)

Massage therapy is a healing art as well as a science. It involves the hands-on treatment of muscles and soft tissues, and may apply adjunctive therapies to positively affect the health and well-being of the client. Massage therapists require the balance of academic and technical knowledge, clinical skills, manual dexterity, sensitivity, and awareness.

Massage therapists practice in a variety of settings, such as private offices or clinics, chiropractor's or doctor's offices, holistic health clinics, health clubs and fitness centers, spas, nursing homes and hospitals, with sport teams, sports medicine facilities, and client home visits.

This certificate/area of specialization provides the study of anatomy, physiology, theory and practice of massage therapy, ethics, infection control, and business practice as well as hands-on practice.

After successful completion of the program in the middle of spring semester, students are eligible to sit for the state licensure examination administered by the State Medical Board of Ohio in June.

All students enrolled in a nursing or allied health program/certificate must complete a criminal background check. In accordance with clinical site requirements, students with a criminal record may be ineligible to participate in a clinical course/rotation/practicum. Delays, for any reason, in obtaining background results may cause an interruption in the clinical rotation sequence or inability to complete program requirements. Additional background screening may be required by individual facilities.

A minimum GPA of 2.0 and a "C" grade or better is required in all science and program-specific courses for graduation.

ADMISSION PROCEDURES

Students must meet specific admission requirements for this certificate/area of specialization. Students should contact the director of admissions or the Counseling Office for details about applying for admission to the program. Among the requirements for admission are the completion of BIOL 2210 Anatomy and Physiology I and HLTH 1210 Medical Terminology. Listed below are requirements for admission:

OPTION 1: High School Option

This option is for current high school seniors or high school graduates who apply to the program within two years of high school graduation.

Please Note: Deadlines for submission of applications may be obtained from the admissions or counseling offices.

- Complete college application(s).
- Composite score of 21 or higher on the American College Test (ACT) or combined score of 1400 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).
- Complete high school algebra, chemistry, and biology with a "C" grade or better.
- An overall high school GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent.
- Meet with a counselor or admissions to review program prerequisites and requirements.

Upon successful completion of the above criteria, the applicant will be admitted into the program. Students must complete HLTH 1210 (Medical Terminology) with a "C" grade or better prior to enrolling in their first health technology course.

OPTION 2: College Option

This option is for students who do not qualify for admission under Option 1. **Please Note: Deadlines for submission of applications may be obtained from the admissions or counseling offices.**

- Complete college application(s).
- Submit high school transcript as well as any college transcript.
- Successful passing score on the required program pre-admission test.
- Meet with a counselor or admissions to review program prerequisites and requirements.
- The following courses, or equivalent courses at other regionally accredited colleges, must be completed with a "C" or better and have a minimum cumulative GPA in program applicable courses of 2.5 or better.
 - HLTH 1210 Medical Terminology
 - BIOL 2210 Anatomy & Physiology I

NOTE: Students must meet one of these requirements to take BIOL 2210:

1. High school biology within last five years and high school chemistry.
2. High school biology within last five years and CHEM 1100 Elementary Chemistry.
3. Biology 1200 Fundamentals of Biology for the Health Technologies.

Students must earn a grade of "C" or above in each course in the program sequence in order to continue in the Massage Therapy program.

Fall Semester:

BIOL 2210. Anatomy and Physiology I	4
MSTH 1100. Massage Therapy I: Introduction to Massage Therapy.	6
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Spring Semester:

BIOL 2220. Anatomy and Physiology II.	4
HLTH 1500 Ethics and Legal Issues for Health Professionals	2
MSTH 1200. Massage Therapy II: Theory and Practice	6
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Summer Semester:

MSTH 1300. Massage Therapy III: General Massage Clinical Lab	2
MSTH 1500. Business Practice in Massage Therapy	2
SPCH 1100. Effective Interpersonal Communications	3
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Fall Semester:

HLTH 2100 Pathophysiology	3
MSTH 1350. Functional Assessment and Kinesiology	3
MSTH 1600. Specialized Clinical Experience	3
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Spring Semester:

(1st 8 weeks) MSTH 1700. Massage Therapy Seminar	3
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Certificate Total: 41