



Massage Therapy Program Consumer Information

CIP Code (Classification of Instructional Programs)	51.3501
SOC Code	31-9011.00 Massage Therapists http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/31-9011.00

Program Description: Students are taught manual techniques to manipulate the soft tissue structures of the body to prevent and alleviate pain, discomfort, muscle spasm, and stress; and, to promote health and wellness. Topics include anatomy, physiology, massage theory, Florida Law, HIV/AIDS education, hydrotherapy eastern and allied modalities taught in small classes. Students gain hands-on experience through clinical applications.

Objective: The Massage Therapy program is designed to qualify graduates for entry-level employment in a health care setting, spa environment or as an independent practitioner. The 41.0 Quarter Credit Hour program includes 720 clock hours split into 388 hours classroom training (Academic Instruction), and 332 hours in a clinical (Practical Application) setting taught under the supervision of a Florida licensed Massage Therapist. Upon successful completion of the program, a diploma will be awarded, and the student is prepared to sit for a Board approved exam to become licensed as a Florida Licensed Massage Therapist. Hollywood Institute offers a Massage Program that prepares the student to meet the educational requirements of the Florida Department of Health, Board of Massage Therapy, and the curriculum outlines of the Florida Department of Education.

** The listing of credit hours is not meant to imply that the credits can be transferred to colleges or other private career school programs. Transfer credits are the sole discretion of the receiving school.*

Nature of the Work, Working Conditions and Physical Requirements: Ability to sit or stand for long periods of time, manual dexterity, steady hands, ability to advise clients with a friendly, courteous personality.

More information on the Massage Therapy Occupation can be found at: <https://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/31-9011.00>

Safety Requirements:

- Adherence to the highest standards of sanitation, disinfection and sterilization
- Proper use of equipment and chemicals
- Practice basic hygiene, well-groomed and professional appearance
- All rules and regulations of Hollywood Institute of Beauty Careers must be followed

Florida Licensing Requirements:

- 500 clock hours (HI requires 720**)
- HIV/AIDS course certificate
- Passing grade of 75% on National Certifying Examination or MBLEx Examination

National Median Compensation cited from U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics is \$44,950 annual*
<http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes319011.htm>

*HI does not guarantee job placement or annual compensation. Compensation may vary depending upon place of employment, job experience and other factors.

**HI has designed an approved program 220 hours over state requirements to give the student a broad experience in modalities and be well prepared for the licensing exam.

Limitations of Employability Due To Criminal History

Students with criminal histories may not be eligible for professional certification or licensure after graduation, depending on the requirements of the student's chosen program at the time of completion.

This information can be found at:

- ❖ Department of Business & Professional Regulation- Cosmetology Board: <http://www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/cosmetology/>
- ❖ Florida Department of Health- Board of Massage Therapy: <http://floridasmassagetherapy.gov/>

Please contact the Student Services Department if you have any questions or concerns regarding the criminal history and/or other licensure requirements.