

## Clinical Training Massage Therapy

**Massage Therapy** is an exciting career choice and demand is growing. Massage Therapists can be found working in hospitals, physical therapy settings, chiropractic offices, fitness centers, spas and hotels. While many private schools emphasize the holistic personal massage/healing approach, the OCC Massage Therapy program is a complete training program with an emphasis on medical knowledge that will prepare you to work in a variety of healthcare and therapeutic settings. OCC students may earn a certificate in as little as one year, or continue studying for an Associate Degree in Applied Science.



### The Healthcare Focus

Courses for massage therapy students include anatomy, physiology, bio-behavioral management and kinesiology – classes not offered at private massage therapy schools. The certificate program consists of over 800 total contact hours, including more than 360 hours of “hands on” training.

### The Entrepreneur Focus

OCC students also learn the ins and outs of operating their own business, and are able to network with former students who have successfully started Massage Therapy businesses.

### The OCC Advantage

- Complete a certificate in as little as one year and be qualified to take the National Certification Exam to become a Certified Massage Therapist. OCC students have a much higher pass rate for the exam than state or national levels.
- Attend full-time day or part-time evening
- Affordable tuition-private school tuition can be 2-3x higher than the community college
- Financial Aid available
- Classes currently offered at OCC Highland Lakes Campus in Waterford

### *testimonials ...*

***Our graduate speak for themselves on the wide range of career opportunities that come with a medical-based program:***

I am a Physical Therapist Assistant and I own my own massage business out of the home. The skills I have learned at OCC have helped me to be a more effective clinician in both inpatient and outpatient Physical Therapy settings. And the income I earn in my business has helped to pay for my children's college costs!

***- Joanne Peruzzi, NCTMB/OCC graduate***

We have three OCC graduates working at The Massage Room, each impressing clients every day. People recognize quality and refer others to experience the same expertise.

***- Cheryle Hopper, co-owner/ OCC graduate***

It is one of the few programs that teaches you how to approach clients with different health conditions, not just for a regular massage. Learning human anatomy and medical terminology helped me secure a better job in the medical field.

***- Farah Sheena, OCC graduate***

OCC has opened a huge door for me and has given me the skills to be the best that I can be. Many of my clients come to me because I graduated from OCC.

***- Mariea Seefried, Massage Therapist, Michigan Spine and Joint Center***

Upon graduating from the OCC program, I was able to find work in a number of medical sectors. I've worked with disabled patients, patients with MS, diabetes and cancer. I also work as a complementary and alternative medicine therapist at Providence Hospital's Assarian Cancer Center and as program coordinator for the healing arts department at the hospital. Having a college structured education gave me the credentials and confidence I needed to be accepted.

***- James Tester, OCC graduate***