

**MASSAGE THERAPY**  
**Vocational Certificate Major Code 5281**

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**Program Description**

The Massage Therapy Program is one of over twenty (20) health career programs offered at the Center for Health Science Education of Broward College, North Campus. The program was approved by the Florida Board of Massage to grant Vocational Certificates allowing our graduates to sit for the licensing examination; and upon achieving a passing score, apply to the Board for licensure. Our program is dedicated to developing therapists who are quality-minded and who will ultimately make unique contributions to the field of massage therapy.

The Massage Therapist is a skilled professional who administers massage for compensation to patients/clients directly or by physician's prescription. "Massage" means the manipulation of the soft tissues of the human body with the hand, foot, arm, or elbow, whether or not such manipulation is aided by hydrotherapy, including colonic irrigation, or thermal therapy; any electrical or mechanical device; or the application to the human body of a chemical or herbal preparation. [Florida State Statutes Chapter 480.033(3)]

For application information please call advisement at 954-201-2305 to make an appointment with our advisor. For specific program information please call the Program Manager at 954 201-2074.

Please see our web site for more information:  
[www.broward.edu/massage](http://www.broward.edu/massage)

**General Entrance Requirements**

- HS Diploma or GED
- TABE‡

‡ The TABE test, or Test of Adult Basic Education, is used to demonstrate the level of basic education in English and Math require by the program. The TABE test must be (first) taken prior to the end of the sixth week of the program and student must successfully complete the TABE test in order to graduate. For more details, visit <https://www.broward.edu/testing/#tabe>.

**Criteria for the Vocational Certificate in Massage Therapy:**

- Apply and meet requirements for admission to Broward College
- Apply and meet requirements of the Health Science Admission Application for Massage Therapy
- Obtain TABE assessment scores at or above the state mandated grade level unless exempt
- Complete the Health Science Certificate Courses by the end of the first semester
- Complete all lecture courses with a grade of "C" or higher
- Complete all lab courses with a grade of "S"
- Maintain a minimum program GPA of 2.0
- It is strongly recommended that students see an academic advisor each term

**Summer**

HCP 0001	Health Careers Core	75
HSC0405	Basic Life Support	8
HSC0591	HIV/AIDS	4
HSC0691	Domestic Violence	2
HSC0522	OSHA/TB	6
HSC0692	Medical Errors	2

**Total Term Clock Hours 95**

**Term I**

*MSS 0250	Introduction to Massage Therapy	15
*MSS 0250L	Introduction to Massage Therapy Lab	140
*MSS 0001	Medical Ethics & Standards	15
*MSS 0150	Anatomy & Physiology of Body Systems	75
*MSS 0156	Anatomy & Physiology II	45
*MSS 0156L	Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	60

**Total Term Clock Hours 350**

**Term II**

*MSS 0281	Allied Modalities	15
*MSS 0281L	Allied Modalities Lab	120
*MSS 0803L	Massage Therapy Clinical Practicum	110
*MSS 0301	Hydrotherapy Modalities	15
*MSS 0301L	Hydrotherapy Modalities Lab	45

**Total Term Clock Hours 305**

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\*Requires a Pre- or co-requisite course. See course description online at [www.broward.edu](http://www.broward.edu).

**It is strongly recommended that students see an academic advisor or counselor each term.**