

# THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE



## OVERVIEW

The Therapeutic Massage Certificate program is designed to prepare individuals to work as licensed massage therapists. Upon successful completion of the program, students may seek licensure from the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork, along with individual state licensure.

## APPROVAL

- National Certification Board of Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork
- Alabama Board of Massage Therapy
- Georgia Board of Massage Therapy
- Other State Boards

## DEGREE EARNED

Certificate

## LENGTH OF PROGRAM

1 Year/3 semesters  
29 Semester Hours

## CREDENTIALS EARNED

Licensed Massage Therapist following successful completion of the NCBTMB examination and/or licensure through a State Board of Massage Therapy.

## PROGRAM BREAKDOWN

Classes meet four days (Monday-Thursday) a week at Southern Union's downtown campus in Opelika, AL. This program includes a variety of teaching methods; classroom lecture, hands on lab, clinical sessions, and outreach opportunities to ensure student's success upon graduation.

## CURRICULUM

Course#	Course Name	Cr. hrs
<b>SEMESTER I</b>		
MSG 101	Intro to Therapeutic Massage	3
MSG 102	Therapeutic Massage Lab I	3
BIO 111*	Survey of Human Biology	4
MSG 104	Musculoskeletal & Kinesio. I	3
<b>SEMESTER II</b>		
MSG 202	Therapeutic Massage Lab II	3
MSG 204	Musculoskeletal & Kinesio. II	3
MSG 105	Therapeutic Massage Clinical	2
<b>SEMESTER III</b>		
MSG 203	Pathology	3
MSG 205	Therapeutic Massage Clinical II	2
MSG 201	Massage for Special Populations	2
MSG 206	National Cert Exam Review	1
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>29</b>

\*Students who have completed both BIO 201 and BIO 202 with a grade of C or higher are not required to take BIO 111, Survey of Human Biology.

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For more information, please refer to the College Catalog and Student Handbook, or visit the website at [www.suscc.edu](http://www.suscc.edu).

## ADMISSION DATES

Classes are admitted once per year for the fall semester on the Opelika Campus.

Priority date for applications is May 1.

Applications will be accepted until each class is full.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general admission requirements of the College, admission to the Therapeutic Massage program requires:

1. Unconditional admission to the College (see College Catalog).
2. Applicant must be 17 years of age.
3. Current or previous SUSCC students must have a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) at Southern Union.
4. Transfer students must enter the College on clear academic status (minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA).
5. Official transcripts from high school or GED.
6. Official transcripts from all postsecondary institutions attended.
7. Eligibility for English 101 and Math 100 and satisfaction of the College reading requirement.
8. Ability to meet and comply with standards and policies in the current College Catalog and Student Handbook.
9. Ability to meet all health/ lab requirements as stated in the current Therapeutic Massage Student Handbook.
10. Receipt of application for the Therapeutic Massage Program by the published deadline.

For more information about admission to the program contact:  
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