

# PARKER UNIVERSITY

## MASSAGE THERAPY CERTIFICATION

Parker University is a nonprofit, regionally accredited university that offers a Certificate in Massage Therapy (C-MT). The program prepares students to serve a wide variety of clients by using touch to manipulate the soft-tissue muscles of the body. Massage therapists are often multifaceted in their therapeutic techniques and able to help relieve pain, rehabilitate injuries, relieve stress, and jumpstart relaxation among clients.

### **PARKER'S MASSAGE THERAPY PROGRAM CONSISTS OF:**

- ▶ Preparation for the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards' MBLEx exam and Texas state licensure
- ▶ A total of 600 clock hours of hands-on training
  - 8 months/600-hour comprehensive program including advanced modalities: myofascial release, neuromuscular therapy and acupressure
  - 80 1-hour massages for clinical experience

### **PARKER'S CERTIFICATE IN MASSAGE THERAPY PROGRAM PREPARES ITS GRADUATES TO:**

- ▶ Demonstrate therapeutic and relaxation modalities of massage therapy in order to provide appropriate client care;
- ▶ Identify the relationships between the structure and function of the human body;
- ▶ Articulate an understanding in removing musculoskeletal imbalance by various massage procedures;
- ▶ Exhibit proper professional and personal ethical guidelines which govern clinical practice for massage therapy;
- ▶ Develop business goals and objectives for a career in the health and wellness industry;
- ▶ Determine the ability to incorporate basic massage technique knowledge with clinical application to provide high-quality evidence-based care.



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## WHY PARKER'S MASSAGE THERAPY PROGRAM?

- ▶ Hands-on clinic experience
- ▶ Schedule options that allow students to manage other personal and professional commitments
- ▶ A wide range of continuing education subjects to meet licensed massage therapists' needs upon graduation



## ACCREDITATION

Parker University School of Massage Therapy is accredited by the Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation (COMTA) to award the Certificate of Massage Therapy.



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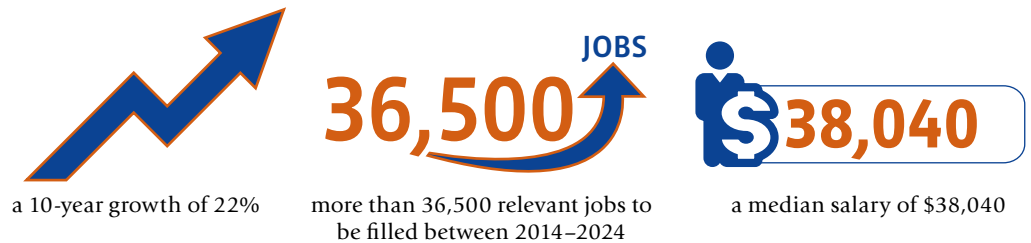
## WHERE DO MASSAGE THERAPISTS WORK?

Massage therapists are often self-employed, with versatile work hours allowing for employment in both public and private settings. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the U.S. will see a 22% job growth of massage therapists between 2014 and 2024 – that's a projection of 36,500 new jobs. A Certificate in Massage Therapy is especially relevant in Texas, as the health care industry is responsible for more than 15% of the state's annual employment growth.

## CAREER OUTLETS FOR PARKER UNIVERSITY'S MASSAGE THERAPY GRADUATES INCLUDE:

- ▶ Spas
- ▶ Fitness centers
- ▶ Private homes and offices
- ▶ Hospitals
- ▶ Massage therapy clinics
- ▶ Chiropractic clinics

## WHAT IS THE CAREER OUTLOOK FOR MASSAGE THERAPISTS?<sup>1</sup>



*"Parker's school of massage has given me the opportunity to come into my own as a healer, while also giving me the knowledge and foundational techniques to succeed in the health and wellness industry."*

- Amy Robinson, Parker University MT student

<sup>1</sup><http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/massage-therapists.htm>