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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 through 2024—that's a projection of 205,200 jobs available. 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?¹



22% growth rate through 2024



205,200 projected employment through 2024



a median income of \$39,860



"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

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