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MASSAGE THERAPY ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Parker's Associate of Applied Science with a major in Massage Therapy program equips students with the knowledge and skills to treat a wide variety of clients by using touch to engage the soft-tissue muscles of the body. The program trains students to utilize multiple therapeutic and healing techniques to help relieve pain and stress, rehabilitate injuries, and jumpstart relaxation among clients. Whether students seek careers in wellness institutions and spas or rather to operate their own independent business, graduates of Parker's Massage Therapy program stand ready for employment as massage therapists.

In as few as 16 months with full-time enrollment, students in Parker's Associate of Applied Science in Massage Therapy program will develop an in-depth knowledge of clinic application in a variety of multidisciplinary settings, from sports care to chiropractic. Additional course content includes accounting, marketing, and business objectives that explore the broad range of opportunities available for today's massage therapy professionals.

PARKER'S ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN MASSAGE THERAPY CONSISTS OF:

- ▶ Preparation for the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards' Massage Board Licensing Exam
- ▶ 360 hours of clinical and hands-on training
 - A total of 60 credit hours
 - 24 credit hours of general education courses
 - 36 credit hours of concentration courses

PARKER'S AAS IN MASSAGE THERAPY PROGRAM PREPARES ITS GRADUATES TO:

- ▶ Demonstrate multiple therapeutic and relaxation modalities in order to provide appropriate client care, including:
 - Swedish
 - Shiatsu
 - Myofascial release
 - Sports
 - Neuromuscular therapy
 - Reflexology
 - Chair
 - Special population
- ▶ Identify the relationships between the structure and function of the human body
- ▶ Incorporate advanced massage technique knowledge with clinical application across a variety of clinical settings
- ▶ Develop business goals and objectives for a career in the health and wellness industry through internships and other development opportunities



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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

SACSCOC Accreditation

Parker University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award an Associate of Applied Science with a Major in Massage Therapy. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404.679.4500 for questions about the accreditation of Parker University.

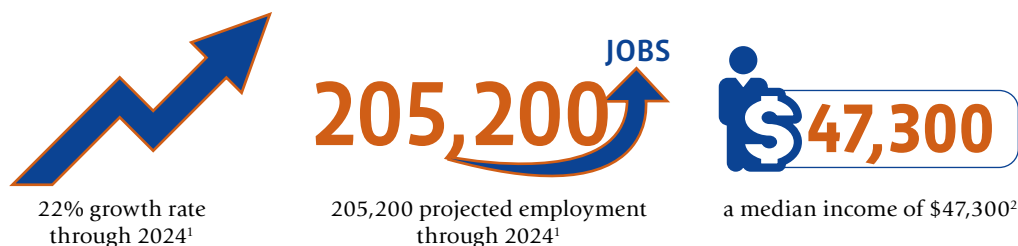
WHERE DO MASSAGE THERAPISTS WORK?

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, America will see a 22% job growth of massage therapists through 2024—that's a projection of 205,200 jobs available. Employer-reported salary sources list the median salary for a massage therapist with an associate's degree in massage therapy as \$47,300. That's an 8.2% increase over a certificate of massage therapy.

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

- ▶ Sports facilities and fitness centers
- ▶ Private homes and offices
- ▶ Spas and massage clinics
- ▶ Chiropractic clinics
- ▶ Hospitals and multidisciplinary clinics

WHAT IS THE CAREER OUTLOOK FOR MASSAGE THERAPISTS?



HAVE YOU ALREADY EARNED A CERTIFICATE IN MASSAGE THERAPY?

If so, earning your associates in massage therapy from a leading program – and advancing your wellness career – just became more convenient than ever.

Current licensed massage therapy professionals who meet Parker requirements only need to complete the following eight general education courses to earn Parker's new Associate of Applied Science in Massage Therapy degree:

- Intro to Speech Communication
- College Algebra
- Intro to Computing
- Anatomy & Physiology I
- English Composition
- Anatomy & Physiology II
- General Psychology
- American Literature



"Parker's school of massage therapy 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>

²<http://www1.salary.com/Salaries-for-massage-therapist-with-a-Associates-Degree>



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