Is Therapeutic Massage a career for YOU?

- Take a look at what it can offer...
✓ Work in a field that is...

• **Growing**...much faster (22%) than the average for all occupations according to the US Dept. of Labor, and the AMTA*

• **Popular**...50 million adults in America (20%) had at least one massage in 2015-2016

• **Wanted for Health**....Most (77%) massage consumers get massage for health reasons, such as reducing stress, treating pain, recovering from injury or staying well

• **Recommended by Doctors**... 56% of massage consumers say their doctors have recommended it (up from 53% in 2013)

*American Massage Therapy Association consumer survey at www.amtamassage.org
✓ A Satisfying job with Excellent Income potential

According to the latest survey information from ATMA*, massage in the U.S. in 2016 was an $12.1 billion industry.

Therapists nationwide work an average of 18 hrs/week providing hands-on massage

The median wage for therapists nationwide, $20/hr**

Overall, the median annual income for massage therapists (most working part-time) in 2016 was about $39,860 per year

Massage therapists who work full time have even greater earning potential ...$50,000 or more

*American Massage Association Industry Fact Sheet at www.amtamassage.org
**US Bureau of Labor Statistics
Business Options

You may decide to be Self-Employed, the sole proprietor of your own business, in charge of your own work schedule and massage style. (60% of therapists are sole proprietors)

Or you may prefer to be an Employee of a massage franchise or other massage provider. This can be a great option, especially when just starting a career.
Workplace Options

Massage therapists work in a wide variety of settings, focusing on the type of massage they enjoy most.

You might work in a studio in your own home....

...or in a corporate office downtown.
...If you enjoy doing rehabilitative and deep tissue massage, you may choose to work at a **fitness center or health care facility**

(25% of massage therapists work in a health care setting)
... Or you may prefer the serene environment and well-stocked treatment rooms of a local spa.

Spa therapists usually learn specialized treatments like body wraps and other types of hydrotherapy.

Most spa menus offer a wide range of massage options.
A good therapist also gets to know many regular clients.

Helping a client meet their wellness goal — whether that’s running a marathon or just getting through chemo — is one of the most rewarding aspects of the profession.

✔ Working with people

As a massage therapist, you can expect to meet new people every week... clients of all body types, ages, and wellness levels.
What You Bring to the Table

Successful students share these traits:

- Enthusiasm for learning
- Respect for personal & professional boundaries
- Willingness to seek, give, and apply feedback
- Non-judgmental attitude
- Appreciation and respect for diversity
Completion of the Therapeutic Massage program at SCC provides you the following:

- Massage Therapy Certificate (31 credits), or Associate Degree in Applied Science (AAS)
  Completion of the AAS requires 60 credit hrs
- Entry-level Skills and Knowledge
- Education required for state licensure as a massage therapist
- Eligibility to take the MBLEx
  "Massage and Bodywork Licensing Exam"
Therapeutic Massage Core Courses

- Introduction to Massage
- Principles of Massage I and II
- Anatomy & Physiology (AHS-104)
- A&P for Massage I
- Pathology
- Kinesiology
- Massage Clinic
- Business
- Externship
Anticipated Costs

There are certain costs associated with the program, above and beyond tuition. This amount is roughly $950.

- **Required Supplies**
  - Scrubs and appropriate shoes
  - Drug screening & CBI
  - Books & lab supplies
  - Professional massage

- **Recommended Equipment**
  - Massage table and accessories ($300 and up)

- **Additional expenses required for licensure**
  - MBLEX, SC Licensure, & professional liability Insurance $550
Health and Human Services Division Requirements

Certain health and background screenings are required for all students accepted into a Health Science program.

- Health History Form
- Criminal Background Investigation (CBI)
- Drug Test
- Lab Training Library
Academic and Professional Success

- A passing grade of “C” is required for all prerequisites and all massage curriculum courses. Students are responsible for their attendance and for obtaining and completing any needed make-up assignments.

- Professionalism is required of the massage therapist and is expected of the student as well. This includes cheerful adherence to the dress code and cell phone policy.

- Personal conduct must reflect the highest degree of honesty and integrity both in the classroom and beyond.