

MASSAGE THERAPY

COLUMBUS STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, 2025



THE STATE OF THE PROFESSION

Quick Facts: Massage Therapists	
2024 Median Pay	\$57,950 per year \$27.86 per hour
Typical Entry-Level Education	Postsecondary nondegree award
Work Experience in a Related Occupation	None
On-the-job Training	None
Number of Jobs, 2023	147,100
Job Outlook, 2023-33	18% (Much faster than average)
Employment Change, 2023-33	26,000

WHERE DO MASSAGE THERAPISTS WORK?



STATE REGULATION OF MASSAGE THERAPY

Currently, 49 states and territories regulate massage therapists or provide voluntary state certification.

In states that regulate massage therapy, massage therapists must meet the legal requirements to practice, which can include minimum hours of initial training and passing a licensing exam.

Most states licensing massage therapists require a passing score on a licensing exam. The majority of these states use the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Exam (MBLEx).

In January 2012, Ohio began using the MBLEx

MASSAGE THERAPY AT CSCC

In January of 2012, the State of Ohio began accepting the MBLEx as its licensing exam.

Columbus State Pass Rate: 93.5%

State of Ohio Pass Rate: 79.1%

National Pass Rate: 72.6%

These statistics are from January 2012-December 2024



CERTIFICATE COST

Current in state per credit hour	~\$193.00
Certificate: 39 credit hours	~\$7,527.00
Other expenses	~\$2,000.00
• Background Check	\$82.00
• MBLEx Exam	\$265.00
• SMBO Application	\$235.50
Certificate	~\$9,527.00

CERTIFICATE PLAN OF STUDY

- General Education

- BIO 1107

- Basic Related

- COLS 1100

- MULT 1130

- MULT 1110

- BMGT 1102

- **Massage Core**

- MASS 2200

- MASS 1236

- MASS 1261

- MASS 1273

- MASS 2891

- SES 2441

- MASS 2240

- MASS Elective

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- MASS 2296

DEGREE COST

Current in state per credit hour	~\$193.00
Degree: 62 credit hours	~\$11,966.00
Other expenses	~\$3,000.00
• Background Check	\$82.00
• MBLEx Exam	\$265.00
• SMBO Application	\$235.50
ATS	~\$14,966.00

DEGREE PLAN OF STUDY

- General Education

- BIO 1107
- MATH 1104
- ENGL 1100 or 1101
- SOC 1101
- Humanities

- Basic Related

- COLS 1100 BOA1111
- MULT 1130 BOA1122
- MULT 1110 LEGL2064
- COMM 2232 SES 2534

- Massage Core

- MASS 2200
- MASS 1236
- MASS 1261
- MASS 1273
- MASS 2891
- SES 2441
- MASS 2240
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- MASS 2296

DEPARTMENT HOMEPAGE

<https://www.csc.edu/academics/departments/massage-therapy/>



ADMISSIONS PROCESS

- 1) Admission to the College (<https://www.csc.edu/admissions/getstarted/>)
 - Submit High School diploma/GED
 - Take placement exams
 - Complete pre-requisites: COLS 1100, MULT 1110, BIO 1107
- 2) High School or GED transcript (<https://www.csc.edu/services/student-forms/high-school-transcript.shtml>)
 - For any previous degrees, please make sure to have your official transcript sent to the college for evaluation in lieu of a high school transcript (<https://www.csc.edu/services/student-forms/transcript-evaluation.shtml>)
- 3) Health Sciences Advising (<https://www.csc.edu/services/advising/health-sciences.shtml>)
 - If you need assistance with general advising, make an appointment with HS Advising

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

- 4) Official Program Application: click [here](#) to access
- 5) Mandatory Advising Session
 - Written statement of interest and intent
 - Why are you interested in massage therapy? What do you plan to do with this career?
 - Student Handbook
 - https://www.cscce.edu/academics/departments/massage-therapy/pdfs/Massage_Student_Handbook.pdf
 - Advising session is scheduled with the program coordinator, Tiffany Dowling
- 6) Background Check
 - <https://www.cscce.edu/academics/departments/massage-therapy/pdfs/massage-drug-fingerprint.pdf>
 - Current cost is \$82.00

STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO (SMBO) BACKGROUND CHECK

- Licensure is not guaranteed upon program completion and is ultimately the decision of the State Medical Board of Ohio (SMBO). Applicants will need to complete a background check for the program and again when applying for licensure. Nothing is an automatic denial, and everything is reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- The SMBO provides a list of criminal offenses that **may** disqualify an applicant from Ohio licensure. Please review the Board's explanatory statement here: [SMBO Explanatory Statement](#) and disqualifying offense list here: [Disqualifying Offense List](#).

QUESTIONS?

- Please contact the Program Coordinator, Tiffany Dowling, with any questions
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- 614-287-5693
- Questions about Financial Aid? Please visit: <https://www.cscs.edu/services/financial-aid/>