



SCHOOL CATALOG

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To meet the growing needs of the healthcare field and spa industry through the education of highly skilled, competent and successful licensed massage therapists.

ABOUT OAK TREE MASSAGE SCHOOL

Owned and operated by Oak Tree Massage School, LLC, the school is located in a 2500 square foot facility, with a classroom, 6 treatment rooms and another large classroom for massage theory demonstrations. School Administrator is Renee Mason.

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PROGRAMS

- **Massage Therapist Program (Certificate)**
Start Date: 3/4/17 Estimated End Date: 11/12/17 Days/Times: S/S 9am-9pm
Start Date: 9/11/17 Estimated End Date: 03/15/18 Days/Times: M/T/W 9am-9pm

MASSAGE THERAPIST PROGRAM CURRICULUM

700 hours of in-class time:

- **150 hours of Anatomy, Physiology, Pathology and Kinesiology:** In Anatomy you will learn the structure of the musculoskeletal, nervous, circulatory, and immune systems; In Physiology you will learn about the functions of muscles, bones, nerves, etc, rather than the structures themselves; In Pathology you will learn about some of the more common diseases and disorders, how massage can help and when you should not give massages; Kinesiology is the study of the mechanics of body movement.
- **50 hours of Business, Law and Ethics:** You will learn the basics of business and how it relates to massage therapy, the laws and ethics that apply, and learn strategies to help you succeed in any type of work setting.
- **400 hours of Massage Therapy, Technique and Practice:** Instructors will demonstrate Swedish/American and deep tissue massage techniques for specific areas. After each demonstration you will pair off and practice the techniques under direct supervision of the instructors. Other types of massage are not taught in this program.
- **50 hours of Student Clinic:** Once you have learned an entire massage routine, clinic will begin. Community members will be recruited for students to practice on.
- **45 hours of Local Internship:** Local business are recruited to take students in as unpaid interns. You may be in a hospital setting, a physical therapist's office, in a massage therapy office or other settings.
- **5 hours of Adult CPR/AED and First Aid:** This class will instruct you in basic CPR, First Aid and the use of AEDs.

No advanced standing will be given for these courses taken elsewhere.

This program will give you the knowledge that you need to pass the MBLEx exam and the skills to succeed as a Massage Therapist.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Prospective Students must meet the following requirements:

- Submit a completed application form, and \$50 non-refundable application fee, with the following attached:
 - Copy of high school diploma or GED certificate. Current high school seniors must provide documentation upon graduation, turn 18 prior to end of the Massage Therapist Program and have their legal guardian sign the application.
 - Signed Background and Functional Ability Statements of Understanding
- Pass an admissions interview

HOW TO APPLY

CHOOSE YOUR PROGRAM & DATE

Choose which program you would like to apply for and pick a start date.

FILL OUT AN APPLICATION

Applications are accepted up to the start of a program. Programs are filled as applications are received and may be filled before the application deadline. Applications are reviewed and applicants are notified by phone for an interview. Applications will remain on file for a period of one year. The Application Fee is non-refundable.

COMPLETE AN ADMISSIONS INTERVIEW

Upon receiving your completed application, with attachments and application fee, you will be interviewed by a member of the school's staff. The interviewer will discuss your interest in massage training, your background, and your future goals.

NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION STATUS

Accepted Students will receive, by e-mail, an acceptance letter within two weeks following the interview. Students must then select which term in which they wish enroll. A seat in that term is not guaranteed until a tuition deposit is received. Students are added to the program roster as their tuition deposits are received on a first come, first served basis. If the chosen term has been filled when the tuition deposit is received, the deposit will be returned in full or the student may request to be placed on a wait list for the desired term or request a different term and have this tuition deposit apply for that program. Programs may also come open immediately after the start date if students withdraw due to funding or attendance issues, in which case, wait-listed students will be notified according to same policy.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

TUITION FOR THE WISCONSIN LMT PROGRAM

Tuition of \$9,000 includes all books, basic school supplies (such as pens/pencils/notebooks), student liability insurance, two sets of sheets, lotions/oils, CPR class, state testing and licensing fees, ABMP or AMTA student membership and practice exam fees, national exam fees, and a starter table and chair massage package. Students show up to class with their hands and a willingness to listen, learn, study and succeed! Upon graduation, students will have everything they need to start their career in massage therapy!

TUITION DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT

An \$800 tuition deposit is required 15 days prior to the first day of class. Payment in full or a tuition payment of \$1100 is due on the first day of class .

TUITION PAYMENT PLAN

The tuition, if not paid in full on the first day of class, can be made in installments. A tuition payment plan will be made with each student based on their financial situation. A \$50 late fee will be assessed if payments are not made on time. If payment is more than seven days late, students will be dismissed from the program.

OUTSIDE LENDING SOURCES AND GRANTS

- **FinAid www.finaid.org**
A comprehensive source of student financial aid information, advice, and tools. Access is free for all users and there is no charge to log in.
- **Wells Fargo www.wellsfargo.com/student/community-college-loans/**
A Wells Fargo Student Loan for Career and Community Colleges is designed for students attending a two-year school, career-training program, or non-traditional school.
- **American Association of University Women (AAUW) www.aauw.org**
The AAUW Educational Foundation funds educational and professional opportunities for women, in the United States and abroad, opening opportunities for women to access educational opportunities through the fellowships, grants, and special awards made possible through the contributions of AAUW members.
- **Jeanette Rankin Foundation www.rankinfoundation.org**
This non-profit organization offers scholarships for low-income women—with financial and/or other hardships or disabilities—ages 35 and older.
- **The Soroptimist www.soroptimist.org**
The Soroptimist *Live Your Dream Award* assists women who provide the primary source of financial support for their families by giving them the resources they need to improve their education, skills and employment prospects.
- **Live Your Dream www.liveyourdream.org**
The *Live Your Dream Awards* provide monetary assistance to women who provide the primary source of financial support for their families.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Cash, cashier's checks, USPS money orders or credit card are the only form of payment that will be accepted. No personal or two party checks.

REFUND POLICY

- Our refund policy is dictated by the Wisconsin Education Approval Board.
- The \$100 application fee is not refundable.
- If the student cancels their enrollment by midnight of the third business day of receipt of the tuition deposit, the student will receive a full refund of the tuition deposit within 10 business days.
- A student who withdraws or is dismissed after attending at least one class, but before completing 60% of the program will receive a pro-rated refund which is calculated as follows:

| <u>At Least</u> | <u>But Less Than</u> | <u>Refund of Tuition</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 unit/class | 10% | 90% |
| 10% | 20% | 80% |
| 20% | 30% | 70% |
| 30% | 40% | 60% |
| 40% | 50% | 50% |
| 50% | 60% | 40% |
| 60% | -- | no refund |

- No refund will be paid to any student who withdraws or is dismissed after completing 60% of the program, unless withdrawal is due to mitigating circumstances beyond the student's control, i.e.: documented hospitalization. These documented circumstances must be those that directly prohibit pursuit of the program and which are beyond the student's control. In these instances the student will be issued a prorated amount determined by the same formula as above.
- Notification of withdrawal may be done in any manner desired, by the student or their next-of-kin as listed in their application . Upon notification of withdrawal, the refund will be issued by check made payable to the student via certified mail within 40 calendar days. If no notice of withdrawal is provided by the student, after 7 missed class meetings the school will withdraw the student, and issue a refund, based on rules listed above, considering missed meetings as attended, by check made payable to the student via certified mail to student's last known address, student's address and next-of-kin address as listed in application.
- Any refunds due will be paid to sponsors furnishing grants, loans, scholarships or other financial aids to students, in conformity with federal and state laws, regulations and rules and requirements of financial aid sponsors. After any refund disbursements to financial aid sponsors have been made, the student shall receive the balance, if any.

SCHOOL RULES

ATTENDANCE POLICY

- Attendance will be taken prior to start of classes and recorded by the Instructor.
- Students are allowed excused absences during textbook classes with proper documentation from a doctor. Students must notify the school prior to the start of class and have the doctor's office email a note by close of business the same day. If an absence is not for an illness, this must be approved ahead of time by the instructor. Textbook classes do not have to be made up, but quizzes and tests do have to be taken, at the times designated by the instructor. Unexcused absences are not eligible for makeup exams.
- There are no excused absences during massage lecture and practice classes, unless with a documented case of fever greater than 102 degrees, a highly contagious illness, such as the flu, or a hospitalization. These absences cannot be made up, because of the need for student pairing during massage practice.
- Any student arriving 10 minutes late for class or leaving early, without prior permission of the instructor will be considered absent.
- If a student accrues 3 absences, either excused or unexcused, the student will be put on Attendance Probation. The student will remain on Attendance Probation until the end of the program. A student who is absent while on Attendance Probation will be dismissed from the program.
- Leaves of Absence are not granted

GRADING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- Grades are as follows: **A** 90 -100% **B** 80 - 89% **C** 70 - 79% **F** 69% or below **I** Incomplete
- Below 70% is a failing grade. If a student is showing signs of difficulty an instructor may counsel the student to determine what needs to be done to rectify the situation.
- Academic Probation occurs when a student is failing in any class. A student on Academic Probation is encouraged to arrange tutoring and the administration will assist in this process. The costs of tutoring will be the responsibility of the student. The student will remain on academic probation until the failed class is successfully completed.
- Incompletes are given at the instructor's discretion and may be granted to students who have a good attendance record and are able to complete the course requirements by the end of the program.
- Incompletes must be completed prior to the end of the programs' final meeting or the entire class must be repeated at full cost to the student.
- Students are given a final comprehensive exam for each course.
- Grades will be given after every exam and test, mid-way through each class and at the end of each class.
- All examinations and practical class hours for each class must be completed before a student can progress to the next class or subsequent period of training.

SUSPENSIONS / DISMISSALS

- The school reserves the right to suspend or dismiss a student who engages in unsatisfactory conduct including, but not limited to: dishonesty; vandalism or theft of school or student property; sexual harassment; possession or consumption of drugs or alcohol; activity that infringes on the rights of others; absenteeism; unsatisfactory grades or progress or unsatisfactory conduct.
- Students who are dismissed for reasons other than absenteeism, grades or progress, will not be allowed to appeal or be re-admitted to the current or future programs.
- If a student fails a total of 4 tests, and is also on attendance probation, the student is dismissed from the program. The student may be allowed to re-enter the program during the next term.

RE-ADMISSION POLICY

- A student who withdraws voluntarily, without attendance or grade issues, may be reinstated for the next class that is available. Fees and tuition will be charged at the current tuition rate upon re-entry. No advanced standing will be granted for prior attendance.
- A student who is dismissed for poor attendance or unsatisfactory grades must re-apply and pay any applicable fees as a new applicant. Additional class hours and fees will be charged at the current tuition rate upon re-entry. No advanced standing will be granted for prior attendance.
- A student dismissed for unsatisfactory conduct will not be considered for re-admission.
- Due to the nature of massage therapy school, and the need for an even number of students to practice the massage techniques, a re-entry student will need to attend the entire massage theory and practice classes again.
- Re-entry students may be given priority placement, depending upon their withdrawal circumstances, but this is not guaranteed.

COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

- Students with complaints must first talk to their instructor. If a student feels that this has not resolved their issue, the student may talk to the school's Administrator. The Administrator may investigate the complaint by talking to other students and the instructor and make a decision.
- If a student has a harassment complaint about the Instructor specifically, they may talk to the school's Administrator directly.
- If a student feels that their complaint is still not satisfactorily resolved, may contact the Wisconsin Educational Approval Board:

State of Wisconsin
Educational Approval Board
431 Charmany Drive, Suite 102
Madison, WI 53719
608.266.1996
eabmail@eab.wisconsin.gov
<http://eab.state.wi.us/resources/contact.asp>

STUDENT RECORDS

- The school maintains files of students' transcripts for lifetime.
- A final transcript will be given to the student at the completion of the program.
- Requests for official transcripts must be submitted in writing and cost \$20. Expedited mailing fees are extra and the amount varies upon your request.
- OTMS maintains strict records confidentiality. No social security numbers are maintained or used by the school.
- Access to records is limited to instructors, administrators, regulating and accrediting bodies.

GRADUATION / CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- All financial obligations to the school must be met 30 days prior to graduation.
- All student and internships must be completed prior to graduation.
- Any materials borrowed from the school must be returned.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

In accordance with Federal and State Regulations, Oak Tree Massage School does not discriminate against any person with regards to race, color, religion, gender, age, national origin, sexual orientation, disability or other as protected by law and provides each with the same rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students of post-secondary institutions. OTMS does not tolerate any form of sexual harassment by its staff, faculty or students.

STATE OF WISCONSIN LICENSURE & MBLEx EXAM

Our curriculum at OTMS exceeds the requirements of the state of Wisconsin. The state of Wisconsin requires only 600 hours of training in massage therapy at an EAB approved school. Our Massage Therapist Program has been EAB approved and exceeds this requirement. State requirements such as CPR training are met in the classroom by approved providers, liability insurance fees and licensing fees are included in tuition, and students apply for temporary Wisconsin licensure prior to graduation. All state and national testing fees are also included in the tuition, practice exams are part of the curriculum, and students schedule and take the exam together. This ensures that the common outcome of traditional massage school education, where students do not take the exam on their own, does not occur. We are invested in ensuring student success and employment and want 100% placement and employment for our students!

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

The field of massage therapy is growing every year. Opportunities exist in hospitals, physical therapy offices, hospice programs, spas, health clubs, gyms, and many other venues, including working independently. We will teach you the skills to help you succeed in any employment situation you choose.

EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

Practice interviews and resumes/applications are completed in class. Internships at local businesses are arranged by OTMS and completed as part of our program. Individual assistance for interviews and employment is available anytime, even after graduation. We cannot guarantee employment but can help you put your best foot forward. Student referrals to prospective employers are not based on direct contact with the employer regarding current job openings

HOLIDAYS & SCHOOL CLOSURES

School will not be open and classes will not be in session on federal holidays, for one week around Christmas, Easter, Independence Day, Labor Day and Thanksgiving. These dates vary by year and will given out to students at the start of their program.