ADMISSIONS POLICY

THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE

Applicants are admitted under provision of the admission policies of Johnston Community College and the Therapeutic Massage program as specified in the Johnston Community College Catalog. Applicants are selected on the basis of achievement potential through the use of previous academic records and based on a first come first served system. The college offers a part-time evening Certificate Program and a full-time Diploma Program during the day.

In order for a student to be considered for admission to the Therapeutic Massage Program, the applicant must complete Phase I prior to May 1st of the application year of entrance. The college reserves the right to extend the application deadline when warranted.

PHASE I: Application and Admission Process

- Submit a completed application to Johnston Community College.
- Submit official transcripts from high school and all colleges attended to JCC.
- Have graduated or will graduate from high school or the equivalent, as recognized by the State of North Carolina, before entering the Therapeutic Massage program.
- Complete the college placement test or met test exemption requirements.
- Place into ENG 111
- Complete the mandatory information session available on-line.
- Be interviewed by an admissions counselor after completing the college placement test and or all official transcripts have been received by the College.
- Submit three (3) professional references.

Phase II: Program Application and Notification and Acceptance

- Submit a program specific application beginning September 1 of the prior admitting year. (available in the Admissions Office-Wilson Building after completing Phase I). The following forms must be submitted to the Admissions Office with the following items listed:
  - Program Specific Application
  - Copy of counselor interview summary
o Copy of e-mail verification of completed on-line information session

- Receive notification by mail from JCC.
- Attend a mandatory program orientation by the Program Director or her designee on designated dates.
- Show documentation of physical and emotional health by the student’s primary care provider. College Forms will be provided at Orientation.
- Show evidence of current HealthCare Provider CPR through the American Heart Association by the first day of class.
- Receive three one-hour massages for field of study (Swedish, Energy, & your choice). College forms will be provided at Orientation.

*Submit to criminal background checks and initial & random drug screenings as directed by affiliating clinical agencies. Criminal background checks and drug screenings must be completed through the college’s designated service provider. The student will incur the cost of the criminal background checks and drug screenings. Clinical agencies may require criminal background checks and drug screenings every 6 months while enrolled in the program.

*Information obtained from the criminal background checks and drug screenings could jeopardize the student’s ability to participate in clinical experiences and would result in the inability of the student to complete the program.

The North Carolina Board of Massage & Bodywork Therapy requires a criminal history check on all applicants. (See § 90-629.1. The North Carolina Massage & Bodywork Practice Act) Prospective students should be advised that if the NC Board deems the applicant’s criminal history to be in question, that applicant may be denied a license to practice in North Carolina.

Due to the demand of health science programs, students are encouraged to complete advising and registration at the program orientation. To secure their position in the program students are encouraged to have met their financial obligations to the College after registering for classes.

The College reserves the right to change any restrictions or program requirements at any time. Every effort is made to provide a one year notice: however, changes or revisions that occur as the result of accreditation or approval body standards and criteria may be implemented with limited time notice.

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