

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 full-time Certificate I & II, Diploma & Degree 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. Program acceptance begins March 1 and continues until the cap is reached. The college reserves the right to close applications when the cap is reached.

PHASE I: Application and Admission Process

- Submit a completed application to Johnston Community College.
- Submit 2 moral character reference forms (forms available on-line)
- Official transcripts from high school and all colleges sent 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.
- **Must complete the college placement test or meet the test exemption requirements.**
- Place into ENG 111 **without co-requisites.**

Note: Johnston Community College will be part of a new developmental education initiative beginning in fall 2020. Applicants applying for 2021 fall admission will be held to new requirements. Fall 2020 applicants must be eligible to enter the program required gateway (college-level) English and math courses without a co-requisite or have successfully passed English and math transition course(s) prior to entry into the program.

- Complete a mandatory information session. **on-line. <http://www.johnstoncc.edu/programs/health-sciences/therapeutic-massage/information-session-on.aspx>**
- Complete a Connect Session after completing the college placement test and or all official transcripts have been received by the College.

Phase II: Program Application and Notification and Acceptance

- Student must have a GPA of at least a 2.0 for program admission.
- Submit a program specific application (available online & Student Services Office- Wilson Bldg) **Submit e-mail verification of completion of the on-line Information Session.** Applicants are admitted on a first-come first serve basis. Program specific applications are available beginning September 1 of the prior admitting year.

- Applicants are notified by e-mail of their acceptance.
- Must attend a program orientation held by the Program Director or her designee. You will receive an e-mail providing additional information in late May. 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.
- Must show documentation of required immunizations, physical and emotional health by the student and primary care provider. Health Forms provided by Program Director.
- Must show evidence of current HealthCare Provider CPR through the American Heart Association by the first day of class.
- Receive two one-hour massages for field of study (One Swedish & One Student Preference) and submit massage documentation forms. Documentation forms provided by Program Director at orientation.
- Must 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 license 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.

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. 4/19