

CENTER OF REHABILITATIVE EDUCATION

C.O.R.E. Massage Institute

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why should I consider a career in massage therapy and bodywork?



Because of its diversity, massage therapy and bodywork is one of the fastest growing fields in alternative healthcare. Many people now seek various massage techniques as therapy for the relief of pain, periodic body maintenance and stress relief. Massage therapy in itself comes in a variety of modalities – for example, sports massage helps the athlete prepare for an event, maintain good muscle status and recover after an event; pregnancy massage relaxes the expectant mother; Swedish massage provides all-over relaxation; seated massage offers a pleasant break for people who work in offices; deep tissue massage addresses the deeper muscular structures of the body – all of which you will learn here among other therapeutic techniques.

What happens after I complete massage therapy school?

Once you complete and pass all the requirements of massage therapy school, you then become eligible to apply to take a national exam, and upon passing the national exam, you apply to the state for licensure.

What career opportunities are available for licensed massage therapists?

You can be an independent contractor with your own private practice and set your own rates and work hours.

On the average, an independent established massage therapist earns upwards of about \$65 an hour.

You can work in a massage clinic with other therapists and/or negotiate a room rental price or a profit split.

You can work at a spa.

You can work in a medical setting such as a chiropractor's office, a hospital, a sports medicine facility, a physical therapy office or rehabilitative center.

You can work mobile by providing seated massages to people at their location.

You can even work for a cruise line and travel at the same time.



Where is your school located?

We are located in West Knoxville, close to the intersection of Parkside Drive (Turkey Creek) and Campbell Station Road (exit 373 on I-40) at the Appalachian Log Square, across the street from Hardee's.

How long do I have to attend your massage therapy school?

You have a choice of our six month full time program, the six month express track or the one year part-time program.

See the "School Information Overview" for details.

What are the financial options to attend school?

Currently, we work with the SLM Foundation to get you the financial assistance you need to attend school. You can call 1-888-2-SALLIE or go online to their website at www.slmfinancial.com/schools/index.html and apply online. We also offer an installment payment plan with a deposit of \$1100.00, subject to the school's Director's assessment.

We accept cash, personal checks, debit or credit cards as forms of payment.

It is recommended that you complete your SLM financial assistance package prior to or simultaneously with submitting your application to avoid possible delays with attending school.

What will I need to apply to attend school?

- You must be 18 years or older.
- The completed application – obtainable online at our website (www.coremassage.com) for you to download and print.
- A copy of your education certificate – GED, high school diploma, college, etc.)
- A typed autobiographical essay – tell us something about yourself in a page or two and what piqued your interest about the field of massage therapy.
- Two letters of recommendation from friends or employers attesting to your good character.
- The medical authorization form – obtainable online at our website (www.coremassage.com) for you to download and print – signed by a licensed physician stating that you are mentally stable and physically free from any communicable diseases and wrist and/or back conditions, and able to do hands-on massage therapy work.
- A photograph of yourself no larger than 4 by 6 inches.
- A \$75.00 application fee payable in cash, check, money order, debit or credit card.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION EARLIER THAN THE POSTED DEADLINE TO ENSURE TIMELY RECEIPT OF YOUR SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS AND MASSAGE TABLES AS THEY ARE ORDERED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS.

Welcome to the healing world of massage therapy! You are about to embark on a magnificent journey!