Application and Admission Process
You must be a student of the College before applying to the program. If you are applying to the
College, be sure to follow the instructions below:

1. Go to www.fscj.edu
2. Click on “Apply” button
3. Click on “Create a new application” button
4. Complete the form to create an account
5. There is a $25 fee for each type of admission application submitted to the college (No fee for
program applications).
6. If you graduated from a public high school in Duval County (after June 1989), St. Johns County
(after June 1993) or Clay county (after June 1992) the College will request an official transcript
after we receive your application. If our request is not honored by the high school, students will
be notified by mail to request their own official transcript. If you graduated from a public or
private high school outside of Duval, St. Johns or Clay counties, please have your high school
send an official transcript indicating your graduation date to:

Admission Office
Florida State College at Jacksonville
P.O. Box 40515
Jacksonville, FL 32203-0515

If you have attended any other college or university, please request each school to forward your official
transcript to the above address. All transcripts must be received and evaluated to be approved for
financial aid.
7. Apply for Residency
8. Apply for Financial aid 6-8 weeks prior to the term, you want to begin the program [if applicable].
The website to complete the financial aid application is http://www.fafsa.gov.

Before applying to the program

a. Test can be taken at any campus.
b. The following scores are required: Math – 596, Language – 608 and Reading – 597.
c. Students who qualify for a TABE Waiver must verify exemption with the College Assessment
Center. Please contact the North Campus Assessment Center at 904-713-6014 for exemption
requirements.

Students who do not meet the minimum TABE score will not receive their certificate of
completion.

Submit Massage Therapy Program Application by one of the following methods:
1. Hand deliver to the Program Manager, North Campus, Building D Room 107
2. Mail to 4501 Capper Rd, Room D107, Jacksonville, FL 32218
3. Complete paper form, scan and email it to massage@fscj.edu

The following documents must be included with your application:
   1. TABE scores or TABE Waiver
   2. Official background/history

**For background checks:** Go to fscjcompliance.com and create your account

A physical examination is required upon acceptance to the program. Students who are unable to complete the clinical requirements after acceptance into selective access programs are not eligible for refunds of tuition. Please see additional packet for all background/medical forms.
FSCJ Massage Therapy Program Application

Personal Information:

Please Print:

Student Name: __________________________________________________________

Last Four of Social Security #: _______

EMPL # (number on back of student ID)________

Street Address: __________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip _________________________________________________________

FSCJ Email _____________________________________________________________

Home Phone: _______________            Cell Phone: _______________

Birthdate: ___________________

Sex: MALE ( )        FEMALE ( )          RACE: BLACK ( )

AMERICAN INDIAN ( )

ALASKAN NATIVE ( )

WHITE (NOT HISPANIC ORIGIN) ( )

ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER ( )

HISPANIC ( )

Certification:

I, _______________________________ certify that all information given in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I have falsified any information, I am subject to immediate dismissal from the School of Social, Behavioral and Health Sciences program for which I am selected. I understand that all correspondence regarding the program will be sent to my FSCJ email account. All applicants will be notified of their status 2 to 3 weeks after deadline date.

Signature: ___________________________      Date__________________

Participation in any health science program requires a medical history and physical examination, including a record of immunizations. For programs that have clinical training components, students must complete a background check and drug screening. Students selected for admission into a program will be provided with the necessary health and screening forms.

Students who are unable to complete the clinical requirements after acceptance into selective access programs are not eligible for refunds of tuition and fees.
Thank you for your interest in the Massage Therapy program at Florida State College at Jacksonville. Please read the instructions carefully and complete the application in its entirety. The application deadline for admission into program for the Fall term is **June 15.**

**Class Schedule (Subject to change)**
Tuesday through Thursday 8:30am to 5:10pm for first semester (MSS 0204)
Tuesday through Thursday 8:30am to 5:00pm for second semester (MSS 0209)

**GENERAL INFORMATION**
Florida State College at Jacksonville is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, or call (404) 679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Florida State College at Jacksonville. The Commission is to be contacted only if there is evidence that appears to support an institution's significant non-compliance with a requirement or standard.

**Equal Access/Equal Opportunity**
Florida State College at Jacksonville, hereby reaffirms the principle of equal opportunity for all persons regardless of race, disability, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, age, sex, sexual orientation/expressions, marital status, veteran status, pregnancy or genetic information. Equal opportunity principle applies with regard to employment, delivery of educational programs and services, and all other appropriate areas in which the College is involved.

The College is committed to ensuring that all persons are not subject to discrimination. Any student, employee or applicant who believes they have experienced discrimination or harassment, including workplace or classroom harassment, discrimination in hiring or admission practices, or other acts of discrimination or harassment, can file a complaint through the College’s Equity Office or through the Title IX Office.

Anyone who believes they have been subject to discrimination or harassment can contact the College’s Equity Office or the Title IX Office (contact information below). The College prefers to resolve any complaint in a timely manner, so early notification is critical. You may file an internal complaint by submitting the equity intake form to the Equity Office. Although you are encouraged to attempt to resolve your concern with College personnel, you have the right to file your complaint with U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) or with the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights.

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General Professional Information

Industry Information: Massage therapists held about 132,800 jobs in 2012. About 46 percent of massage therapists were self-employed in 2012. Many massage therapists work part time; only about 1 out of 3 worked full time in 2012. Because therapists work by appointment in most cases, their schedules and the number of hours worked each week vary considerably. The median annual wage for massage therapists was $35,970 in May 2012.

Massage therapists work in an array of settings, both private and public, such as private offices, spas, hospitals, and fitness centers. Some massage therapists also travel to clients’ homes or offices to give a massage. Most massage therapists, especially those who are self-employed, provide their own table or chair, sheets, pillows, and body lotions or oils.
A massage therapist’s working conditions depend heavily on the location and what the client wants.

Program Information: The Massage Therapy Workforce Certificate program will cover the theory and practice of massage, theory and practice of hydrotherapy, hygiene, practice demonstration, human anatomy and physiology, legal and ethical aspects of massage practice, allied therapies, leadership and human relations skills, health and safety, and employability skills.

Students will develop skills in manipulation of superficial tissues of the body through instruction by demonstration. Student practices will include massage techniques, use of hydrotherapy such as sauna, steam room treatment tables, local and full immersion baths, whirlpool baths, hot and cold packs and paraffin baths. Whether just starting out or looking for something different, the power to change your future is in your hands.

Jobs: This program prepares students for employment as massage therapists. The program is approved by the Florida Department of Health, Board of Massage Therapy to allow graduates to take the certification examination and to apply for licensure in the state of Florida.

Upon completion of coursework, Florida State College at Jacksonville does not guarantee employment or salary in a given field of study. Any jobs mentioned are given as examples of potential employment.
Frequently Asked Questions

How can ESOL students be successful in this program?
To be successful in the Personal Care Programs, an ESOL student might require one or all of the items listed below:

1. Note taker
2. Tutor
3. Interpreter
4. Technology-enhanced device
5. Audio Vocabulary CD
6. Documented request for additional time: [i.e. testing, hands-on activities]

How often is the program offered?
The Massage Therapy Program is offered once a year in Fall Term. Classes are held during the day – Monday through Thursday.

How much does the program cost*?
*Cost subject to change
Tuition approximately $2,124 (in-state) Application and examination $350
Course Materials approximately $354 Books $300

How long will it take me to complete the program?
Offered at North Campus, this program combines lecture with practice laboratory time. The program is offered during the day and includes 750 clock hours of instruction divided over two semesters and can be completed in 8 months.

Is there a graduation ceremony?
Yes. Graduation is held once a year: date and time to be announced.

Is there an age requirement for this program?
Yes, all applicants must be at least 18 years of age.

What happens if I start and do not complete the program in one year?
The TABE scores and grades earned are retained for two years from the date that you begin the program. If you do not complete the program by the end of the two-year term, you must start over, completing the TABE tests and a program application.

When and how do I pay for my Board of Massage Therapy Application, HIV course and Massage Therapy Examination?
Students must be prepared to pay the Board of Massage Therapy Application fee ($155) HIV course ($20) and the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEx) [$195] fees by the end of the program. The HIV course must be completed and results submitted with the Board of Massage Therapy Application. After the Board of Massage Therapy Application has been approved, the student may register for the Massage Therapy examination.
Massage Therapy Program Course Sequence

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All Massage Therapy courses must be taken in sequence or with the permission of the Program Manager. Students must achieve a minimum of a "C" average in all the Massage Therapy courses prior to graduation from the program.

TUITION AND EXPENSES

Florida Resident: $86.70 per credit hour (25 credit hours = $2,167.50)
Georgia Resident (Counties of Ware, Glynn, Charlton, Brantley, Camden) $173.10 per credit hour ($4,327.50)
Non-Florida/Georgia Resident: $345.90 per credit hour ($8,647.50)

OTHER EXPENSES *(Fees and other expenses are subject to change without notice.)*

- Tuition for nine courses
  - $2,167.50
- Course Materials (new)
  - $354
- Books
  - $300
- Board of Massage Therapy application
  - $155
- Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEx)
  - $195
- State required fingerprinting and background check
  - $90

FINANCIAL AID

Florida State College at Jacksonville offers many types of financial assistance to students who would otherwise be unable to further their education without such support. Depending on the type of aid, eligibility is based on one or more of the following criteria: financial need of the individual (in the case of dependent students, family need is used), educational costs, academic achievement and availability of funds. Inquiries regarding financial aid should be directed to the enrollment services/financial aid office on the student's home campus. A student's home campus is his/her point of contact for academic advising, financial aid advising and disbursement of funds.
FSCJ's Federal School Code is 001484.

Remember, it is your responsibility to:
- apply early for financial aid assistance; **do not wait for acceptance into the program before beginning this process**;
- complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) each year; (FAFSAs for the upcoming fall term are available in September of the prior year);
- submit all required forms and documentation to Florida State College; and
- use financial aid for educationally related expenses only.

The entire process takes a minimum of 6 weeks to complete.

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MASSAGE THERAPY STANDARDS

After successfully completing this program, the student will be able to perform the following:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the health care delivery system and health occupations
2. Use oral and written communication skills in creating, expressing and interpreting information and ideas.
3. Describe the importance of professional ethics and legal responsibilities
4. Demonstrate an understanding of and apply wellness and disease concepts.
5. Demonstrate the importance of health, safety, and environmental management systems in organizations and their importance to organizational performance and regulatory compliance.
6. Recognize and respond to emergency situations
7. Recognize and practice infection control procedures
8. Use information technology tools.
9. Explain the importance of employability skill and entrepreneurship skills.
10. Demonstrate knowledge of blood borne diseases, including HIV/AIDS
11. Demonstrate mathematics and science knowledge and skills.
12. Demonstrate language arts knowledge and skills.
13. Demonstrate personal money-management concepts, procedures, and strategies.
14. Solve problems using critical thinking skills, creativity and innovation.
15. Describe the roles within teams, work units, departments, organizations, inter-organizational systems, and the larger environment.
16. Demonstrate leadership and teamwork skills needed to accomplish team goals and objectives.
17. Exhibit an understanding of the principles of the theories of therapeutic massage and demonstrate the proper techniques of massage manipulations.
18. Exhibit an understanding of the principles of the theory of hydrotherapy and use hydrotherapy modalities.
19. Demonstrate safety and health practices that are conducive to the hygiene of massage therapist and the client/patient.
20. Demonstrate knowledge of the Florida Massage Practice Act and the rules of the Board of Massage Therapy (Chapter 480, F.S., Chapter 64B7).
21. Explain the use of allied studies related to massage therapy.
22. Demonstrate an understanding of human anatomy and physiology as related to the practice of massage therapy.
23. Demonstrate knowledge of basic business practices and standards.

RECORD OF CONVICTION OF A CRIME

Effective July 1, 2009, pursuant to Section 456.0635, Florida Statutes, health care review boards shall refuse to renew a license, certificate or registration, issue a license, certificate or registration and shall refuse to admit a candidate for examination if the applicant has been convicted or plead guilty or nolo contendere, regardless of adjudication, to a felony violation of: chapters 409, 817, or 893, Florida Statutes; or 21 U.S.C. ss. 801-970 or 42 U.S.C. ss 1395-1396, unless the sentence and any probation or pleas ended more than 15 years prior to the application, terminated for cause from Florida Medicaid Program (unless the applicant has been in good standing for the most recent 5 years) or terminated for cause by any other State Medicaid Program or the Medicare Program (unless the termination was at least 20 years prior to the date of the application and the applicant has been in good standing with the program for the most recent 5 years). The Florida nursing or allied health licensure or certification application requires disclosure of any criminal history and the disposition of all cases prior to board review. Being convicted of, or having entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any of the listed felonies in Florida Statute 456.0635 or termination for cause from the statutorily-described Medicaid programs will preclude an applicant from obtaining a nursing or allied health license or certification in the state of Florida. Entry and acceptance into the nursing program does not guarantee licensure or certification in the State of Florida.

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