



WCCMT

West Coast College of **MASSAGE** Therapy

**WCCMT's 20 Month Competency-Based Mastery
Level RMT Program**



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About Our Program

Prerequisites:

1. High School Diploma or Equivalent
2. Grade 12 English with at least 70%
3. Completion of an approved Introduction to Massage Course
4. Criminal Record Check through Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

Length: 5 Semesters, each semester being 15 weeks in length
6 - 7 Hours in-class time per day
Clinical Practicum Internship for Semesters 2-5

Education

Cost: \$29,150.00 (*Tuition may be subject to change*)

Start Dates: September and January

Additional

Costs: First Aid and Level "C" CPR (before Term 2)
Text Books – approximately \$2000.00
Supplies – approximately \$775.00
Massage Table – approximately \$800.00

Academic Prerequisite

Applicants must have a minimum of high school graduation, including English 12 with a final grade of 70% +. Applicants who fail to meet the minimum

academic grade of 70% in their English 12 may take the LPI (Language Proficiency Index) exam to meet the academic prerequisite. The minimum LPI scores required for admission are as follows:

English Usage: 5/10

Sentence Structure: 5/10

Reading Comprehension: 12/20

Written Essay: 30/40

Essay Level: 5/6

English Language Requirements

If your primary language is not English or you have graduated high school outside of Canada or the United States of America, you are required to submit one of the following:

- **International English Language Testing System (IELTS)** with a minimum score of 6.5 on the Academic Modules.
- **Test of English as a Foreign Language – Internet Based Test (TOEFL-IBT)** with a minimum score of **18** in Listening *and* Speaking and **20** in Writing *and* Reading with an overall score of **80 or more**.
- **Test of English as a Foreign Language – Computer Based Test (TOEFL-CBT)** with a minimum score of 250.

Practical Prerequisite

All applicants must have a minimum level of experience in introductory massage. This prerequisite can be met by the following criteria:

Successful completion of the **Introduction to Massage course** (one weekend) at WCCMT. An evaluation of the applicant's ability to learn basic skills will be conducted and the results will be forwarded to the Admissions Committee. It is recommended that this course be taken by the document deadline date to allow for the utilization of the skills prior to the start of the program. The cost of the Introduction to Massage course is \$300, which includes a \$50 non-refundable deposit. Please refer to our registration form for course dates.

20 Month Payment Schedule

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Program Total
* Enrolment Fee	\$ 2,500.00					
#1	1,650.00	2,015.00	2,015.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	
#2	1,650.00	2,015.00	2,015.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	
#3	1,650.00	2,020.00	2,020.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	
Term Total	\$ 7,450.00	\$ 6,050.00	\$ 6,050.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 29,150.00
Book Costs	\$ 748.00	\$ 583.00	\$ 361.00		\$ 37.00	

* enrolment fee due 10 days after acceptance

Program Curriculum

Semester	Hours	Classes	Semester	Hours	Classes		
1	Orientation	3	1	5	Neuro Assess	66.5	19
	A&P 1	90	30		Bus Practice Mgmt	39	13
	MSAK 1 Lecture	105	35		Pain & Stress	42	12
	MSAK 1 Lab	80.5	23		MLD	35	10
	Manual Skills 1	91	26		CP Presentation	14	4
	Clinical Assessment	35	10		Medications	18	6
	Hydrotherapy	31.5	9		Surgery	15	5
	Ethics and Prof	30	10		Nutrition	18	6
	Professional Comm	18	6		Health Regulations	30	10
Term Totals	481	149	Mock Op's		28	8	
2	A&P 2	45	15		Clinic Internship 4	196	28
	MSAK 2 Lecture	90	30		Term Totals	501.5	121
	MSAK 2 Lab	45.5	13		Total Hours	2420	
	Manual Skills 2	105	30				
	Neurology 1 PNS	45	15				
	Therapeutic Exercise	52.5	15				
	Clinic Internship 1	98	14				
Term Totals	481	132					
3	A&P 3	75	25				
	Neurology 2 CNS Systemics	72	24				
	Treatments 1	35	10				
	General Ortho Tx	98	28				
	Clinical Management	15	5				
	Orthopedic Pathology	45	15				
	Research	30	10				
	Clinic Internship 2	98	14				
Term Totals	468	131					
4	General Pathology	90	30				
	A&P 4	45	15				
	Reg. & Spinal Ortho Tx	87.5	25				
	Systemics						
	Treatments 2	35	10				
	Joint Mobilizations	35	10				
	Clinic Internship 3	196	28				
Term Totals	489.5	118					

Semester Overview

Semester 1

In semester one of our Competency-Based Mastery Level program, students are introduced to Anatomy and Physiology and Musculoskeletal Anatomy which forms the core expertise base for RMTs. In addition, students are introduced to the palpation, manual and assessment skills required for clinical practice and finally, to the subjects of Ethics and Professionalism and Communication which support them in understanding and fulfilling their professional role as regulated healthcare professionals in British Columbia.

Semester 2

In semester two, students continue to build on the foundational knowledge they have acquired in Anatomy and Physiology one and deepen and develop this knowledge by expanding it to include Pathology and Neurology. In semester two students also deepen and expand their palpation and manual skills and are introduced to therapeutic exercises. Additionally, in semester two students begin to integrate theory and practice by beginning their internship in our professional intern clinic where they provide relaxation oriented massage therapy to the general public.

Semester 3

In semester three, students continue to build and advance their critical thinking and reasoning skills in order to support them in effective clinical management. In semester three students are introduced to numerous soft tissue complaints and conditions which RMTs typically treat. With increased knowledge and skill and the enhanced ability to integrate knowledge and skills students in term three are provided with the opportunity to begin treating soft tissue pathologies in our professional student intern clinic.

Semester 4

With the deepening and enhancement of clinical skills and critical thinking abilities in semester four, students are ready to treat more challenging orthopedic and systemic conditions utilizing advanced treatment techniques

typically utilized by registered massage therapists for managing these conditions.

Semester 5

In semester five, students are introduced to several advanced techniques including Cranial Sacral, Mio Facial and MLD. They are also introduced in term five to the business and practice management skills they will need to support them in building and operating successful massage therapy practices as well as provided with a review of Ethics and Professionalism and an in-depth and rigorous introduction to Health Regulation which will support them in successfully completing the jurisprudence component of their provincial board exams. At the completion of semester five students are confidently prepared to undertake the CMTBC's licensure examination for entry to practice.

Optional Preparatory Board Examination Prep Program

In order to support our students in successfully completing their provincial board exams upon graduation from WCCMT, we offer as an optional supplement to our 20 month Competency Based Mastery Level program, a health science review course to support students in retaining and maintaining currency in their knowledge in Health Science subject areas.

Additionally, we also provide our students with the opportunity to undertake a mock board examination exercise in order to support them in retaining currency and continuing to build their skills in Clinical Sciences in preparation for their licensure examination.

Integrating Theory and Practice Clinical Practicum In WCCMT's Professional Intern Clinic

For over 30 years WCCMT has been offering North America's most extensive clinical practicum training program on site in our Professional Intern Clinic.

Our Professional intern clinic provides our interns with the opportunity to integrate theory and massage skills and techniques and practice what they have learned in the classroom with the guidance and support of some of the most experienced, practicing clinical supervisors in the industry today.

Our clinical facility offers a relaxing reception area, 6 professional treatment rooms and 1 hydrotherapy room with a jetted tub and shower.

In reach Clinics

WCCMT also provides treatments for special patient populations including; MS, Stroke, Cancer, Parkinson's, Arthritis, Central Nervous System

Outreach Clinics

WCCMT offers the most diverse and comprehensive outreach program in the industry today. Developed in over 30 years of practice in British Columbia, WCCMT's sponsors and partners provide our students with the opportunity to treat a wide variety of patient populations presenting with diverse massage therapy pathologies and conditions.

Some of our outreaches include; Nigel House, Mount St. Mary's, Garth Homer, Salvation Army, Luther Court, People With Aids

Premier Partners Program

Known and renowned nationally and internationally for excellence in massage therapy WCCMT has partnered with some of the most prestigious and high-end spas in the world in order to provide our graduates with access to employment across the globe in these world-class spa settings. Some of our premier partners include;

The Hyatt, The Four Seasons and ESPA.

Application Procedure

Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Class space permitting, applications for the January and September programs should be submitted in advance of the program start date to allow for the necessary time required to process the application. **Late applications will be accepted until commencement of classes if space is available.**

To start your application you may submit the completed application form with your \$100.00 application fee, plus at least one (1) required item (see application form). Applications must be completed before a required education interview is scheduled. Interviews are designed to ascertain suitability for the program and to clarify expectations. Out of province applicants may request a telephone interview. Academic and personal achievements, which demonstrates an ability to commit and be effective within a professional training program, will be in the applicant's favour.

Please follow the instructions on the application form carefully to ensure processing without delay. A complete application, which meets all requirements, does not constitute a guarantee of acceptance. Classes may fill months prior to the commencement of classes, so every attempt should be made to submit your application as early as possible. Applications received after the class is full but prior to the application deadline date may be placed on a waiting list or may request enrolment in the subsequent class.

For more information on the required documents to complete an application and the deadline dates, please contact **Admissions at (250) 381-9800 ext. 224 or 227.**

Tuition, Books and Supplies

Tuition

Unlike public colleges and universities, WCCMT is not subsidized by the government and is therefore supported entirely by fees. In addition, because WCCMT is a private college, it is required to go through annual audits by the Private Career Institute Training Agency (PCTIA) as well as 5 year audits through its governing body, the College of Massage Therapy of BC (CMBTC). WCCMT also collects fees from the public for student intern treatments in our public clinics. While these fees do not cover the cost of operating the clinics, they do contribute to reducing the amount WCCMT is required to charge for tuition. Tuition is raised periodically, as required, based on increase in operation costs.

Tuition for WCCMT's Registered Massage Therapy Diploma program is **\$29,150** and is not subject to GST.

Books and Supplies

WCCMT does not supply the sales of textbooks and supplies to students; however a list of required and recommended textbooks is supplied at the start of each term. In addition to the textbooks, students are responsible for acquiring their own portable treatment table for practical homework and outreach treatment use.

Most required textbooks are available through the University of Victoria Bookstore. We estimate the approximate cost of books and supplies to be \$3,000.

Term Dates

The Registered Massage Therapy Diploma program consists of five terms at fifteen weeks each with a two to three week break in between each term. *The program is offered on a full-time study basis only.*

January 2014

Terms

- 1 – January 6, 2014 – April 18, 2014
- 2 – May 5, 2014 – August 15, 2014
- 3 – September 8, 2014 – December 19, 2014
- 4 – January 5, 2015 – April 17, 2015
- 5 – May 4, 2015 – August 14, 2015

September 2014

Terms

- 1 – September 8, 2014 – December 19, 2014
- 2 – January 5, 2015 – April 17, 2015
- 3 – May 4, 2015 – August 14, 2015
- 4 – September 8, 2015 – December 18, 2015
- 5 – January 4, 2016 – April 15, 2016

FAQ About our Massage Therapy Program

How long is the massage therapy program of study?

The Massage Therapy Diploma program at West Coast College is a 20 month program of academic and clinical study.

How much does tuition costs?

Tuition for Term 1 is \$7,450.00; Term 2 is \$6,050.00; Term 3 is \$6,050.00; Term 4 is \$4,800.00 and Term 5 is \$4,800.00. Payments are made by post dated cheque and are due on the last business day of the month. For a more detailed payment schedule please refer to our attached payment schedule.

Are there any additional expenses “other” than tuition?

Yes, you are also required to purchase textbooks, a portable massage table, and Standard First Aid and CPR training. These are approximately \$3,000.00.

Why is your program of study so expensive?

Unlike public college and universities, WCCMT is not subsidized by the government and is, therefore, supported entirely by tuition.

What are your prerequisites?

Applicants must have a minimum of high school graduation, including English 12 with at least 70%.

Applicants are also required to have successfully completed an Introduction to Massage workshop offered on weekends at WCCMT. Please see our calendar insert for times and dates.

How can I determine if a course I have taken elsewhere will meet the prerequisite requirements at WCCMT?

If you are uncertain whether your course meets WCCMT requirements, please provide us with a copy of your transcripts from the institution the courses were taken at and a description (course outline) of the course or courses for which you are seeking equivalency.

What are the career prospects for massage therapists?

Some of the career options for massage therapists include: Doctor's clinic, Chiropractic Clinic, Homeopathic Naturopathic Clinics, Nursing Homes, Health Spas, Cruise Ships, Private Practice, Teaching environments, Sports Organizations, Community Centers and Pools, Licensing and Advisory Boards and Public Health Services.

Is there someone I can speak to regarding my interest in massage therapy?

Yes, our Admissions Officer is available by appointment. Please do not hesitate to ask, we are here for you.

Student Loans

When should I send in my loan application?

In order to receive your loan by the start date of classes you should send in your application a minimum of 6 weeks prior to the start date of your program.

New students: can apply for student loans before they are accepted into the program

Enrolled students: can apply in the term prior to when the loan is to be awarded.

What is the maximum award available through the federal and provincial student loans?

As of August 1, 2008 the Canadian Student loan maximum assistance is 60 percent of assessed need, up to a maximum of \$510 per week of study for students with dependent children and \$320 per week of study for students without dependents.

What is the latest I can apply for a loan for a program of study?

All loan applications for a particular study period must be received by the Student Services Branch no later than 8 weeks prior to the end of that study period. This means a correctly completed application as well as any reassessments, appeals or transfers.

How many applications will I have to make over the 20 months?

The average student will have to make 2 applications during the program.

What is the school's involvement in the loan application process?

- a) Students can make an appointment to meet with the schools financial aid advisor to discuss the loan application process.
- b) The Appendix 3 form included in the Loan Application package must be completed by the schools designated loans official. This form is returned electronically to Student Aid BC (see below).

Can I apply on line?

Yes, on-line student loan applications can be processed. You will need your SIN number.

Students will receive a Notice of Assessment which will provide information on how much you will be receiving, how the amount was calculated and when it will be received.

You can go to the website to print off information and check the status of your student loan:

<http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentervices/>

If a student wants to dispute their loan application what do they do?

If a student wishes to dispute their loan application they can do one of 2 things:

- a) You can request a reassessment by completing an Appendix 7 (Request for reassessment). This form is used **only** if there was incorrect information filled out on the application or if the student financial situation has changed.
- b) You can appeal your loan amount only for something out of the ordinary. You will be assessed based on information given and only if there are exceptional circumstances can you appeal your loan.

Before you appeal you need to have an understanding of why you did not get the full amount. Refer to the Appendix 6 booklet which states the criteria required in order to appeal.

What course load do I need to maintain full-time status?

A student has withdrawn from full-time studies if the student does not maintain a course load of 60% for the entire length of their study period. If a student has been absent for more than 20% of the prescribed attendance, they are considered to have withdrawn from the program.

Who do I contact if I have questions about my loan?

Student Services Branch
Ministry of Advanced Education

P: 250-387-6100
www.bcsap.bc.ca

National Student Loans Service Centre
Private Institutions Division

PO Box 779, Station U
Toronto, ON M8Z 5P9
P: 1-866-576-7452 F: 1-866-587-7453

STUDENT LOAN DATES

If you are applying for student loan funding, please be advised that you will be doing two to three applications during your time of study at WCCMT (a student loan is only valid for a year). Please contact WCCMT's Director of Finance for the proper start and end dates you will need to use in your student loan applications. If you are planning on doing a loan **by term**, please inquire with the Director of Finance for the correct dates.

JANUARY 2014 intake

1st student loan application

Start date: Jan 6/14 End date: Aug 15/14

2nd student loan application

Start date: Sept 8/14 End date: April 14/15

SEPTEMBER 2014 intake

1st student loan application

Start date: September 8/14 End date: August 14/15

2nd student loan application

Start date: Sept 7/15 End date: April 15/16



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LICENSING & ACCREDITATION

The Association of Massage Therapists and Holistic Practitioners - www.amtwp.org

#600, 10399 – 124 St.

Edmonton, AB Canada T5N 3W1

P: 780-484-2010

F: 780-484-3605

Toll Free: 1-888-711-7701

Private Career Training Institutes Agency of BC – www.pctia.bc.ca

(Excellent links here for career planning)

850-1185 West Georgia Street

Vancouver, BC V6E 4E6

CMT OF BC – www.cmtbc.bc.ca

103 – 1089 W. Broadway

Vancouver, BC V6H 1E5

FINANCIAL AID:

Ministry of Advanced Education, Student Aid BC (Student Loans) – www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc/

General enquiries P: 1-877-535-7680 or 250-387-6100

FINANCIAL PLANNING & SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES:

www.canlearn.ca

www.studentawards.com

www.careersandcolleges.com

<http://bcawardsonline.sd61.bc.ca>

www.massagetherapy.com

www.scholarshipscanada.com

www.schoolfinder.com

www.tdcanadatrust.com/scholarship/index.jsp