

Forsyth Tech Community College
2100 Silas Creek Parkway
Winston-Salem, NC 27103-5197

Therapeutic Massage

Fall 2021 Deadline: August 12, 2021

Therapeutic Massage is a limited enrollment program beginning each fall semester. The program begins with a series of two certificates that can be completed in two semesters on the Day/Full-Time Track, or in four semesters on the Night/Part-Time Track. Each track accepts **16 students** for the fall. Successful completion of both the **Massage Practitioner I Certificate** and the **Massage Practitioner II Certificate** allows students to acquire the skills and clinical hours necessary to be eligible for North Carolina licensure as a massage therapist. **Graduates of the certificate series then have the option to earn an associate degree by meeting additional course requirements (see page 4).**

The instructional facility for the Therapeutic Massage program is located at the **Grady P. Swisher Center, 1108 Swisher Center Road in Kernersville, NC**. Please see pages 7-8 for the program schedule and driving directions.

This packet guides you through the limited admission process for Therapeutic Massage. This includes meeting the program's **minimum admissions requirements** and **completing a Minimum Admissions Requirements (MAR) Review with an admissions counselor.**

Therapeutic Massage is a first-qualified, first accepted curriculum. Students who complete a MAR review will be admitted to the program until all seats are filled. After that point, students who complete a MAR review will be added to an alternate list. While not guaranteed admission, alternates would have the opportunity to fill seats if any open later in the process.

Once the admissions process is complete, applicants who are accepted into the program must then meet additional **Therapeutic Massage clinical requirements (see page 6)** by **August 16, 2021** to maintain their seat in the program. **We strongly encourage students to complete the admissions process well ahead of the deadline in order to allow for a reasonable amount of time to meet these additional program requirements!**

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Special Note: While this packet guides you through the process of meeting the requirements to enter the full program for fall 2021, you can enroll in any semester as a **Pre-Health Tech** student. This gives you the opportunity to meet any admissions requirements you have not yet met, as well as possibly getting a head start on your degree by completing general education (or "related") courses. Please refer to **page 4** for a list of these related courses. But keep in mind that these classes are **not required** before entering the program! Only the minimum admissions requirements must be met prior to program entry.

Steps for the Limited Admission Process for the Fall 2021 Therapeutic Massage Program

1. **Complete an application to Forsyth Tech** at <https://www.forsythtech.edu/apply-ft/>
 - Complete NC Residency at www.ncresidency.org
 - New and Former students must complete the online application.
 - Submit all official transcripts from high school or high school equivalency. Electronic transcripts can be sent through a secure service to admissions@forsythtech.edu or paper transcripts can be mailed to Attn: Admissions 2100 Silas Creek Parkway Winston Salem, NC 27103 or hand delivered in a sealed envelope to the Admissions and Records Office on the main campus.
 - Official college transcripts, from colleges or schools attended since high school, **are only required if transfer credit is requested**. Official transcripts must have the school seal or original signature and be in a sealed unopened envelope or submitted electronically from the school.
 - Currently enrolled students do not need to do a new application.
2. **Complete the required Allied Health Admissions Process form at the end of this packet** and submit the form to admissions@forsythtech.edu
3. **Demonstrate English and Mathematics “College Readiness” levels.**
 - All Health Program applicants are required to demonstrate English and Mathematics college-readiness by one of the following methods:
 - English Readiness
 - No ENG credits, but have an earned Associate or Bachelor’s degree from a regionally-accredited institution
 - Documented completion of ENG 111, with a minimum grade of “C”
 - Eligible to enroll in ENG 111 without the ENG 011 co-requisite, demonstrated by one of the following:
 - Graduate of a US high school with an unweighted GPA of 2.8 or higher OR HSE specific scores – see Admissions for details
 - Completion of placement test within the past 10 years and achievement of appropriate scores OR SAT/ACT specific scores – see Admissions for details
 - If you took the placement test elsewhere, you **MUST** submit those scores to Forsyth Tech Admissions.
 - Current enrollment in ENG 111 with corequisite
 - Completion of ENG 002 Tier 2
 - Mathematics Readiness
 - No MAT credits, but have an earned Associate or Bachelor’s degree from a regionally-accredited institution
 - Documented completion of MAT 110 or higher-level course with a minimum grade of “C”
 - Eligible to enroll in MAT 110 without the corresponding co-requisite, demonstrated

by one of the following:

- Graduate of a US high school with an unweighted GPA of 2.8 or higher OR HSE specific scores – see Admissions for details
- Completion of placement test within the past 10 years and achievement of appropriate scores OR SAT/ACT specific scores – see Admissions for details
- If you took the placement test elsewhere, you **MUST** submit those scores to Forsyth Tech Admissions.
- Current enrollment in MAT 110 with corequisite
- Completion of Math 003 Tier 1

If you are unsure whether you meet either of these requirements, it is YOUR responsibility to speak with a counselor in the Admissions Office PRIOR TO completing your Minimum Admissions Requirements Review with an Admissions Counselor.

4. Meet with an Admissions Counselor to do a Minimum Admissions Requirements Review

- Email admissions@forsythtech.edu to request a virtual MAR review
- **MAR Reviews are NOT conducted on Fridays.**
- Please note that these dates are unavailable for MAR reviews:
October 13 – school closed
November 11 – Veteran’s Day school closed
November 25-27 – Thanksgiving school closed
December 14 – January 22 – Holiday break school closed/Registration week/MLK holiday
February 15-19 – Nursing MAR’s only
March 16 – School closed All Employee Day
May 6 – Commencement – closed
May 13-May 18 -- Summer Registration
May 31 – Memorial Day – closed
July 5 – Independence Day – closed
- Applicants can complete MAR reviews between September 8, 2020 and the final August 12, 2021 deadline. **However, we strongly encourage students to complete the admissions process well ahead of the deadline in order to allow for a reasonable amount of time to meet the clinical requirements listed on page 6.**
- During this review, we check that you have met the program’s **minimum admissions requirements** by completing steps 1 through 3 above.

5. Check your Forsyth Tech email and keep your phone and address updated with the office

- After completing your MAR review, we will notify you via your Forsyth Tech email about your status
- You will receive an email no matter what – whether you are admitted or, if space is already full in the program, been placed on an alternate list. We will not leave you without notification.
- If you are admitted to the program, there will be instructions in your admission letter with requirements that apply to admitted students – make sure to meet any of those deadlines/requirements or you can lose your seat in the program
- If you are an alternate, we will contact you by phone or email if any seats open up in the program

Pre-Health Tech: General Education/Related Courses for Therapeutic Massage

When you are first admitted to the school and indicate **Therapeutic Massage** as your program choice, you are accepted as a **Pre-Health Tech** student. While you are not fully in the program yet, as a Pre-Health Tech student you can do two things to prepare yourself for entering Therapeutic Massage:

- If you are not already eligible for the program, you can take courses that help you meet the **minimum admissions requirements**. This would be the priority!
- If the admissions deadline has already passed, or you are beginning school in a different semester than when the program begins—for example, you are starting classes in spring 2021 ahead of the full Therapeutic Massage program beginning in fall 2021—you can get a **head start** on the program's **general education/related courses**.

These are the general education/related courses for Therapeutic Massage:

Related Courses for Certificate Series:

ACA 111
ENG 111
MED 121

Additional Related Courses for Associate Degree:

PSY 150 or PSY 118
BIO 163 or BIO 168 & 169
PED 110
BUS 152

English Elective (choose one): ENG 112, ENG 114,
ENG 115, COM 120, or COM 231

Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (choose one): ART
111, ENG 231, HUM 115, HUM 120, HUM 130,
HUM 220, MUS 110, PHI 215, PHI 240, or REL 110

Please remember, though, that **these general education/related courses are NOT required before you begin the Therapeutic Massage program!**

As long as you have met the **minimum admissions requirements**—the paperwork and English/Math Readiness requirements covered in steps 1 through 3 in this packet—you are eligible to do a MAR review and enter Therapeutic Massage even if you haven't taken any of the related courses. You will be able to take them while you are in the program.

However, if you have the opportunity to begin work on these courses as a Pre-Health Tech student before you enter Therapeutic Massage, taking them with the guidance of your advisor can help you reduce your course load once the full program begins.

Academic Progression Policy

A grade of a "D" or "F" in a related course does not prevent a student from being eligible for the 2021 Therapeutic Massage program. However, if a grade of "D" or "F" is earned prior to or after acceptance, the course must be repeated with a "C" or higher while enrolled in the program and prior to graduation.

Students must also earn a final grade of an 80 or higher in the core MTH courses that become available once accepted into the program to remain eligible for graduation.

Deferred Action Childhood Arrival (DACA) and Undocumented Students Policy

Current NCCCS policy allows DACA and undocumented applicants to enroll at Forsyth Tech at the out of state tuition cost. However, acceptance to the college does not guarantee acceptance to a specific program.

DACA students are eligible to apply to an Allied Health/Nursing program.

Undocumented students are not eligible for consideration to Allied Health or Nursing programs. According to North Carolina and Federal law, undocumented students are not eligible for North Carolina professional licensure.

This policy is subject to change without notice based upon federal and state regulations.

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Notification Procedure

Students will be admitted to the program based on the **completion date** of the MAR Review. Notification letters will be e-mailed to accepted students. If an applicant did not meet the minimum requirements, was not accepted or declined admission, the person must submit a new application and complete the MAR Review for the 2022 Therapeutic Massage program by the specified deadline.

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AFTER ADMISSIONS:
THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS

Clinical Requirements Deadline: August 16, 2021

Once students are admitted to the program, they will be directed to Therapeutic Massage staff for guidance on clinical documentation and registration. In addition to attending a **mandatory orientation**, accepted students must also meet clinical requirements in order to maintain their seat in the program.

The deadline for meeting these requirements is **August 16, 2021**, the first day of classes for the fall 2021 semester.

If you are unable to complete these clinical requirements by this deadline, you will lose your seat in the program. Therefore, we **strongly recommend** you complete the admissions process well ahead of the August 12, 2021 admissions deadline in order to have enough time to complete these additional requirements. Some of the requirements listed below, such as the immunization report and medical physical with your primary care physician, may take several weeks to months to complete, so the sooner you are able to begin the process the easier it will be to meet the deadline. All clinical documentation must be completed by August 16, 2021.

Also, since space in the full-time day program and part-time evening programs is limited to 16 seats each, completing the admissions process early increases the likelihood that seats will still be available in the program.

If you have questions about these requirements, please direct them to the Therapeutic Massage program:

Sandy Mason, Clinical Education Coordinator: (336) 757-3901 or smason@forsythtech.edu

The clinical requirements are as follows. The necessary paperwork will be provided by Therapeutic Massage staff after acceptance into the program:

Therapeutic Massage Student Orientation

The program orientation is mandatory. If you miss the orientation, you must attend a SOAR Orientation session through the Student Success Center to be able to register for courses:

<http://www.forsythtech.edu/student-services/student-resources/student-success-center/>

American Heart Association – Healthcare Provider CPR (uploaded to CastleBranch)

Copy of AHA CPR certification card (approximate cost of \$50).

Professional Massage Session

Students must complete a form documenting a session received from a licensed massage therapist (approximate cost \$50 to \$70, form will be provided by Ms. Mason via email or appointment).

Student Medical Health Form / Immunizations Records (uploaded to CastleBranch)

You are required to have a medical doctor complete the form (approximate cost of \$100) and must include your immunization records.

Criminal Background Check and Drug Screen (administered by CastleBranch)

Vendor approved by Forsyth Tech (approximate cost of \$100).

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

The **Day/Full-Time** program track follows this schedule for the certificate series, with a graduation date of May 2022 for students beginning in fall 2021. Any related/general education courses (see page 4) for the certificate series not completed before program entry will be included in the times frames listed below.

Fall 2021

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Spring 2022

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

The **Evening/Part-Time** program track follows this schedule for the certificate series, with a graduation date of May 2023 for students beginning in fall 2021. Any related/general education courses (see page 4) for the certificate series not completed before program entry will be included in the times frames listed below.

Fall 2021

Monday-Thursday: 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Spring 2022

Monday-Thursday: 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Fall 2022

Monday-Thursday: 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Spring 2023

Monday-Thursday: 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Students who complete the certificate series and then choose to continue with the program to earn an **Associate in Applied Science degree** will follow this schedule in an additional year of classes. Any related/general education courses for the Associate degree (see page 4) not completed before program entry will be added to the times frames listed below.

Fall

Monday and Wednesday: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Tuesday: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Spring

Tuesday and Wednesday: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Work-Based Learning on Monday, Thursday, and Friday

DIRECTIONS TO GRADY P. SWISHER CENTER

Therapeutic Massage Program Headquarters

1108 Swisher Center Road
Kernersville, NC 27284
Office: (336) 734-7902
Fax: (336) 992-1049

Traveling **East on I-40 Business** to Kernersville, take exit 16 (Colfax) bears left from Business 40 to **Hwy 421**. Bear 1st right on **Old Greensboro Road as you enter the round-about**. Turn right on Swisher Center Road past Dudley Products Drive **and THE BRIDGE** and proceed to the end of the road to the Swisher Center.

Traveling from **East Mountain Street**, turn left on **Hwy 421**. Bear 1st right on **Old Greensboro Road as you enter the round-about**. Turn right on Swisher Center Road past Dudley Products Drive **and THE BRIDGE** and proceed to the end of the road to the Swisher Center.

Traveling **East on I-40 Bypass**, take **Hwy 66** exit 203. Turn left on **Hwy 66**. At 3rd stoplight, turn right on **Industrial Park Drive**. At stop sign, turn left on **Macy Grove Road**. At stop sign, turn left on **Old Greensboro Road**. Turn left on Swisher Center Road before Dudley Products Drive and proceed to the end of the road to the Swisher Center.

Traveling **East on I-40 Business**, take **Hwy 66** exit. Turn left on Hwy 66 and go across I-40 bridge. Turn right on **East Mountain Street** (Parks Chevrolet is on your right). Turn left on **Hwy 421**, Bear 1st right on **Old Greensboro Road as you enter the round-about**. Turn right on Swisher Center Road past Dudley Products Drive **and THE BRIDGE** and proceed to the end of the road to the Swisher Center.

Traveling **West on I-40 Bypass**, take **Hwy 66** exit 203. Turn right on **Hwy 66**. At 2nd stoplight, turn right on **Industrial Park Drive**. At stop sign, turn left on **Macy Grove Road**. At stop sign, turn left on **Old Greensboro Road**. Turn left at **the Forsyth Tech Entrance** on Swisher Center Road before Dudley Products Drive and proceed to the end of the road to the Swisher Center.

Traveling **West on I-40 Business**, take **Hwy 66 exit** and turn left. Turn right on **East Mountain Street** (Parks Chevrolet is on your right). Turn left on **Hwy 421** (you will see DCU Inn and Dudley Products on your right). Bear 1st right on **Old Greensboro Road as you enter the round-about**. Turn right at the **Forsyth Tech Entrance** on Swisher Center Road past Dudley Products Drive **and THE BRIDGE** and proceed to the end of the road to the Swisher Center.

Traveling **from High Point – Highway 311** towards Kernersville to **Hwy 66**. Turn right on Hwy 66 and proceed to Kernersville. Cross over Business 40 and turn right on **East Mountain Street**. Turn left on **Hwy 421**. Bear 1st right on **Old Greensboro Road as you enter the round-about**. Turn right at the Forsyth Tech Entrance on Swisher Center Road past Dudley Products Drive **and THE BRIDGE** and proceed to the end of the road to the Swisher Center.

Traveling **from High Point – Highway 311** towards Kernersville to **Hwy 66**. Turn right on Hwy 66. At 2nd stoplight, turn right on **Industrial Park Drive**. At stop sign, turn left on **Macy Grove Road**. At stop sign, turn left on **Old Greensboro Road**. Turn left at the **Forsyth Tech Entrance** on Swisher Center Road before Dudley Products Drive and proceed to the end of the road to the Swisher Center.

Hwy 52 South to Business 40 East, take exit 16 (Colfax) bears left from **Business 40** to **Hwy. 421**. Bear 1st right on **Old Greensboro Road as you enter the round-about**. Turn right at the **Forsyth Tech Entrance** on Swisher Center Road past Dudley Products Drive **and THE BRIDGE** and proceed to the end of the road to the Swisher Center.

Allied Health Admissions Agreement

I have reviewed this information and fully understand the requirements to be considered for the Therapeutic Massage program at Forsyth Tech. I understand that the deadlines and specific information about eligibility are located in this program packet and it is my responsibility to read and review those requirements. I also understand that if I have questions, I can contact the Admissions office at admissions@forsythtech.edu or 336-734-7556.

Name:

Student ID or Birthdate:

Signature:

Date: