Program Overview
The Massage Therapy Certificate program exceeds the minimum requirement of 600 technical hours of study required for accreditation by the American Massage Therapy Association Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation and 600 hours of study for state licensure required in surrounding states.

Career Opportunities
The employment outlook for massage therapists is projected to be better than average in the upcoming years. The increasing population, increasing personal incomes, longer life spans, and an increasing recognition that massage is beneficial to reduce stress, relieve pain, and improve overall health all contribute to an increased demand for these workers. Factors affecting long term growth include economic well-being and the degree to which insurance companies and HMOs will reimburse for this service. Graduates perform massage therapy in health spas, resorts, health clubs, retirement residences, country clubs, hospitals, chiropractic offices, long-term care facilities, and clinics, or may be self-employed.

Licensing or certification exams are independent of graduation requirements.

Program Outcomes
1. Graduates will provide application of manual techniques to positively contribute to the well-being of the client in a safe and skillful manner.
2. Graduates will be prepared to take the national certification exam in massage therapy.
3. Graduates will be prepared for employment in an entry-level capacity.

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Day and Evening Classes
Day and evening options are available to complete the program.

Program Requirements
☐ Check off when completed
☐ All technical courses (HLTH, MASS) must be successfully completed with a grade of “C” or better.

Course Cr
☐ HLTH 1418 Somatic Practitioner: Business & Ethics .................. 2
☐ HLTH 1421 Anatomy and Physiology for Somatic Practitioners .................. 4
☐ HLTH 1425 Clinical Applications in Kinesiology .................. 3
☐ HLTH 1465 Functional Holistic Nutrition .................. 4
☐ MASS 1400 Introduction to Therapeutic Massage .................. 4
☐ MASS 1421 Massage Spa Techniques .................. 2
☐ MASS 1422 Massage Clinical Techniques .................. 4
☐ A CPR course/certificate must be completed prior to taking MASS 1480 Massage Therapy Practicum
☐ MASS 1480 Massage Therapy Practicum .................. 4

Subtotal ............................................................ 27

☐ General Education Requirement .......................... 3
☐ Minimum Program Entry Requirements: 3
• Goals 1-10: Minnesota Transfer Curriculum
• PSYC 1750 Introduction to Health Psychology (recommended)

Total Program Credits ............................ 30

Minimum Program Entry Requirements
Students entering this program must meet the following minimum program entry requirements:

Reading: Score of 250+ or grade of “C” or better in READ 0722
Arithmetic: Score of 200+

Assessment Results and Prerequisites:
Students admitted into Saint Paul College programs may need to complete additional courses based on assessment results and course prerequisite requirements. Certain MATH, READ, and ENGL courses have additional prerequisites.

Degree option may have a greater requirement than this certificate.