

LSB Massage Therapy Program FAQ

1) WHAT IS THE PROJECTED JOB GROWTH OUTLOOK FOR THE MASSAGE THERAPY FIELD?

Employment of massage therapists is projected to grow 32 percent from 2020 to 2030. This is much greater than the average for all occupations. (U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics)

2) WHAT ARE THE STATE REQUIREMENTS FOR BECOMING A LICENSED MASSAGE THERAPIST IN PENNSYLVANIA?

Licensing is obtained by applying with the PA Department of State. Lansdale School of Business will assist you through the process. The applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Complete a state-approved 600hr Massage Therapy training program.
2. Pass the Massage and Bodywork Examination (MBLEX) that is administered by the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB).
3. Pass a state background check.
4. Submit application, application fee, transcripts, and exam results.

After obtaining a Massage Therapy License, LMTs are required to maintain their licensure by completing 24hrs of Continuing Education every 2 years.

3) HOW MUCH SCHOOL IS NEEDED TO BE A MASSAGE THERAPIST?

In Pennsylvania, you will need to complete a 600 hour in-person program from a state approved school before you will be eligible for a state license in massage therapy. LSB offers a 6-month program that meets this requirement. This training will help to prepare you for the MBLEX or Massage and Bodywork Licensing Exam. Passing this exam is necessary if you want to receive your massage therapist license.

4) HOW TO CHOOSE A MASSAGE SCHOOL?

Make sure you take the time to do your research before choosing the right school for you. You should consider your schedule, budget, commute, etc.

Look into the requirements for the program of your choice and make sure you can handle these requirements. You should also visit the school and if possible, meet/speak with the faculty before making a decision. The post-graduate services such as job placement are also very important to consider.

Before finalizing your massage school decision, look at the tuition, fees, and books, uniforms and equipment that you may need to purchase.

5) WHAT IS THE COVID POLICY AT LSB?

LSB follows the current federal, state and local covid guidelines in addition to industry standard hygiene protocols.

6) HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO GO TO MASSAGE SCHOOL?

Consider the overall cost when you speak to each school you're interested in. Make sure you understand that you are applying for 600 hours of training. The tuition will likely be in the area of \$10,000. In addition, you may also need to spend money for textbooks, a massage table, lotions, linens and the EMBLEX and license fees.

7) WHAT KIND OF JOBS CAN A MASSAGE THERAPIST GET?

There are three general categories when it comes to massage therapy jobs:

- Clinical -Chiropractic Office, Physical Therapy/Rehab Center, Hospital, Geriatric Center
- Spa -Day Spa, Beauty Salon, Medical Spa, Cruise Ship, Resort, On-site Home/Office Visits
- Sports -College and Professional Teams, Sporting Events, Sport Rehab, Fitness Center

Within each of these categories there are specializations.

Many massage therapists choose to work for themselves. This means you will be responsible for the entire business, but you will also be able to schedule and charge as you see fit.

8) IS THERE FINANCING AVAILABLE FOR HELPING WITH THE COST OF TUITION?

Yes. LSB offers financial aid for students who qualify.

9) DO I HAVE TO DO THE MASSAGE CLASSES DURING THE DAY?

LSB currently offers day programs. There is potential for evening classes

10) WHEN DO CLASSES START?

LSB has two daytime program start dates per calendar year (and potentially one evening program start date). The dates are not fixed and may shift based on the queue of applicants.

11) DOES LSB HAVE A STUDENT MASSAGE CLINIC ON-SITE?

The Spa at LSB is a Student Massage Clinic which provides extensive practice in Integrative Massage Therapy techniques while working on a wide variety of clients. At our student massage clinic, students practice their therapeutic, communication, and administrative skills by working in a professional setting. This helps students build their confidence by gaining real-world experience.

12) HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO FINISH THE PROGRAM?

Six months for the day program. (an evening program would be 12 months)

13) HOW DO I GET STARTED?

If you are interested in enrolling in the upcoming semester, click on the **Apply Now** button on the home page.

Contact Admissions with any additional questions you may have and as always you are welcome to tour the school and the SPA.

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