

Applicants are admitted under provision of the admission policies of Johnston Community College and the Therapeutic Massage program as specified in the Johnston Community College Catalog. Applicants are selected on the basis of achievement potential through the use of previous academic records and based on a first come first served system. The College offers a Certificate I and II and Diploma and Degree options full-time during the day.

Applicants can begin applying to the program September 1 of the prior year of admittance. Notification of acceptance begins March 1 of the admitting year. Applicants applying after the program is filled will be placed on a stand-by list by the date the Intent to Apply Form is received by the College. The College reserves the right to close receipt of the Intent to Apply Form when warranted.

PHASE I: Application and Admission Process

- Current application to Johnston Community College on file.
- Have graduated or will graduate from high school or the equivalent, as recognized by the State of North Carolina, before entering the Therapeutic Massage Program.
- Official transcripts from high school/GED scores and **all** colleges on file in Admissions office.
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Scores: (5-year limit on scores). If you graduated from a high school in the United States TOEFL scores are not required. For specific details, see International Student information on the college website or College Catalog.
- Meet course eligibility requirements to take gateway English (ENG 111).
- Attend a MANDATORY Health Science Information Session available on the College website. Applicants **MUST** attend one session.
 - <https://www.johnstoncc.edu/programs/health-sciences/info-sessions-health-sciences.aspx>
- Completed all admission steps required by the Admissions and Student Engagement Office.
- Submit two (2) completed moral character reference forms to jcchealthprograms@johnstoncc.edu or klhurt@johnstoncc.edu . (available on the Therapeutic Massage web-site.)
- Student must have a cumulative college GPA of at least a 2.0 for program admission.

Phase II: Program Application and Notification and Acceptance

- Submit a Program Application located at the end of the online information session. Applicants meeting admission requirements are admitted on a first come first serve basis. Applicants are notified by e-mail of their acceptance and are required to return acceptance/intent to attend to jcchealthprograms@johnstoncc.edu or klhurt@johnstoncc.edu .
- Must attend a program orientation held by the Program Director or her designee. You will receive an e-mail providing additional information in late May. Due to the demand of health science programs, students are encouraged to complete advising and registration at the program orientation. To secure their position in the program students are encouraged to have met their financial obligations to the College after registering for classes.
- Must show documentation of required immunizations, physical and emotional health by the student and primary care provider. Health Forms provided by Program Director.
- Must show evidence of current HealthCare Provider CPR through the American Heart Association by the first day of class.
- Receive two one-hour massages for field of study (One Swedish & One Student Preference) and complete/submit massage documentation forms.

- Must submit to criminal background checks and initial & random drug screenings as directed by affiliating clinical agencies. Criminal background checks and drug screenings must be completed through the college's designated service provider. The student will incur the cost of the criminal background checks and drug screenings. Clinical agencies may require criminal background checks and drug screenings every 6 months while enrolled in the program.
- Information obtained from the criminal background checks and drug screenings could jeopardize the student's ability to participate in clinical experiences and would result in the inability of the student to complete the program.

The North Carolina Board of Massage & Bodywork Therapy requires a criminal history check on all license applicants. (See § 90-629.1. The North Carolina Massage & Bodywork Practice Act) Prospective students should be advised that if the NC Board deems the applicant's criminal history to be in question, that applicant may be denied a license to practice in North Carolina.

The College reserves the right to change any restrictions or program requirements at any time. Every effort is made to provide a one year notice; however, changes or revisions that occur as the result of accreditation or approval body standards and criteria may be implemented with limited time notice. 4/22