



**OREGON SCHOOL of MASSAGE**



# Massage Certificate Program Information

The home of Body | Mind | Spirit Education since 1984.

## 2023

Portland and Salem Campuses

[OregonSchoolofMassage.com](https://OregonSchoolofMassage.com)

## Graduates speak about Oregon School of Massage...

“I feel so fortunate to have chosen this school, not just because of the high-quality education and training, but more importantly for me is the intimate, caring environment. All the instructors and staff are genuinely caring, compassionate and understanding, and all of my classmates are so down to earth and non-judgmental. It has really made me feel that this is a wonderful atmosphere for me to be in.”

Nina Graham, LMT and OSM 2010 graduate

“My instructor models preparedness, command of her content, and adapts her delivery and teaching style effectively for each class group that OSM sends to her in a way that makes the complex content (Anatomy & Physiology and Pathology) seem familiar. I have consistently left her classes in awe of what I have just learned about the machine I inhabit and am taking better care of my clients and myself as a result.”

Michael Coffey, former student 2014

“I have felt so prepared by OSM. The most helpful stuff were the experienced therapists sharing intangible things about how to negotiate expectations with clients and willing to show variations on technique whenever we asked... What I learned in communications/ethics class has been a lifesaver. Most of the other students I encounter in this area are not nearly as prepared as I have felt.”

Jason Minnix, OSM 2009 Graduate, practicing LMT in Texas



# Why Choose Oregon School of Massage?

## SCHEDULING OPTIONS THAT WORK FOR YOU

Our 640-hour program offers a flexible schedule, with day and evening classes. Attend classes full-time or go at your own pace. The recommended time frame to complete the program is 18-24 months. Students with an open schedule can complete the program in 15 months, however, this may require the student to take classes at both campuses.

## UNIQUE APPROACH TO MASSAGE TRAINING

Our training involves the integration of knowledge, technical skills, emotion, and intuition. This emphasis on the integration of the somatic dimensions of healing, along with the rigorous study of the human body, defines our unique approach to therapeutic massage training.

## WIDE SELECTION OF ELECTIVE OFFERINGS

Our program has an elective component that allows students to choose classes that fit their interests. The extensive array of electives includes Neuromuscular Therapy, Polarity, Reflexology and many more. Students may try a variety of different electives or choose areas in which to specialize their training. These classes also serve as continuing education for licensed massage therapists. For more information on elective modalities see page 5.

## CLASSES DESIGNED TO SUPPORT YOUR LEARNING

Class enrollment levels are designed with a low teacher to student ratio. This maximizes personal interaction with our skilled and supportive staff. Your personal and professional growth are essential to us.

## COMMITMENT TO QUALITY EDUCATION

Our staff is comprised of massage and healthcare professionals who are employed in the wellness industry. Their first-hand knowledge is integrated into class presentations enriching your educational experience. Our curriculum is endorsed by the Commission on Massage Therapy.

## FLEXIBLE PAYMENT OPTIONS

OSM offers a variety of options to assist with financing your tuition. These include an affordable monthly payment plan, the OSM Low Interest Loan, and paying term by term. OSM does not currently process FAFSA applications for Federal Financial Aid.

## PROFESSIONAL, CARING COMMUNITY

The relaxed, friendly learning environment here nurtures supportive and professional relationships between students, alumni and staff. An extensive and enriching professional massage community awaits you.

## About Oregon School of Massage

Oregon School of Massage, founded in 1984, is a private, professional school devoted to massage and related health education. OSM has a commitment to holistic education, and our training is designed to integrate body, mind, heart and spirit. Central to our philosophy is the belief that touch is a powerful form of communication that carries complex messages for both giver and receiver. With this in mind, we have developed an emphasis on the integration of various dimensions of healing with the study of the human body.

Students can attend classes at either of OSM's two campuses. The Portland facility is located on Barbur Boulevard, with convenient freeway access from both the east and west sides of Portland. The Salem facility is located beside the Willamette River on Front Street. Here, classrooms face the river, and the building has a deck for nature breaks throughout the day. We offer morning (9am-noon), afternoon (1:30-4:30 pm) and evening classes (6:30-9:30 pm), Monday through Friday. Elective courses are offered in various weekend formats.

Oregon School of Massage's pre-licensing program successfully prepares our graduates for Oregon licensure as well as for many other states. OSM is endorsed by **Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation (COMTA)**.

It is also approved by both the Oregon and Washington State Massage Licensing Boards, and is licensed by the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission.





## RAY SIDERIUS, OREGON SCHOOL OF MASSAGE PRESIDENT

Ray Siderius started OSM in 1984 after practicing massage and developing a massage training program at the Ariadne Professional Center. The interdisciplinary (psychotherapy, medicine, massage, and mindfulness) approach to health care that evolved at Ariadne continues to be a key theme at OSM. Ray has served on the Oregon Department of Education Career School Advisory Committee and the

National Board of Directors of the Association for Humanistic Psychology. He has taught a variety of massage and health science courses for OSM.

*The mission of the  
Oregon School of Massage  
is to provide excellence  
in education by engaging  
the whole person  
Body - Mind - Spirit*

## Massage and Bodywork Modalities



Sometimes consumers are curious about all the different types of massage and body work available. Here is a brief list of major types from [www.abmp.com](http://www.abmp.com). For even more information read Discovering the Body's Wisdom by Mirka Knaster. OSM offers classes and certificates in many of these areas. See website for class offerings with descriptions.

### CRANIO-SACRAL THERAPY

Cranio-sacral therapy uses gentle touch to ease pain and deepen awareness. Because it works directly with the central nervous system, it affects all the other systems of the body. Cranio-sacral Therapy helps the body/mind use its own healing resources to initiate therapeutic change. For this reason, it is a subtle yet powerful form of bodywork.

### HEATED STONE MASSAGE

For these treatments, the therapist uses heated basalt mineral stones and/or semi-precious stones that represent the chakras. Muscle tension melts away as the liquid smooth stones move over them. Heated Stone Massage also aligns subtle energies within the body bringing greater attunement and harmony.

### MYOFASCIAL RELEASE (MFR)

MFR is used to evaluate and treat restrictions in the body's connective tissue (muscles and fascia). Connective tissue includes tendons, ligaments, cartilage, fascia, joint capsules and the surface linings of the organs in the body. There are many methods of myofascial release which treat chronic pain, injuries, general aches and pains.

## SHIATSU

Shiatsu is a form of Oriental Therapy evolved from a 5000 years old tradition of healing arts. Shiatsu utilizes a combination of pressure-release and assisted-stretching techniques, allowing the recipient to relax deeply and to get in touch with their own healing power.

## SWEDISH MASSAGE

This common technique is named for Swedish massage pioneer Peter Ling (1776-1839) and refers to a collection of techniques designed primarily to relax muscles and stimulate



the circulation of blood through the body. It is typically performed with oil or lotion on receiver's skin while the rest of the body is covered in a draping sheet.



## 640 Hour Massage Certificate Program

### MASSAGE TRAINING AT OREGON SCHOOL OF MASSAGE

Our 640-hour Massage Certificate Program teaches the use of various strokes to manipulate soft tissues, engaging the muscular, cardiovascular and nervous systems in order to reduce tissue tightness, enhance circulation, reduce pain and promote general relaxation. Practitioners usually work directly on the client's skin, using various lubricants. Students are also trained in treatment-focused bodywork as they progress in the program.

Students receive a foundation in Swedish massage and an introduction to Shiatsu techniques. Additionally, students are given 119 elective hours elective hours to explore a variety of massage techniques or specialize in a specific area of interest.





## Program Curriculum Overview

Health Sciences:	Hours
Anatomy & Physiology I	30
Anatomy & Physiology II	30
Anatomy & Physiology III	30
Kinesiology Upper Body	30
Kinesiology Lower Body	30
Pathology I	30
Pathology II	30
Bodywork:	Hours
Massage Theory	14
Massage Fundamentals	45
Massage Upper Body	30
Massage Lower Body	30
Massage Assessment & Application	30
Palpation Skills	15
Hydrotherapy	15
Shiatsu I	30
Practice Development:	Hours
Communications & Ethics	30
Business of Massage	15
Statutes	6
Clinic	45
Bodywork & Business Electives	119
Advanced Practice Skills Seminar	6
<b>Total Hours:</b>	<b>640</b>

## Affordable Payment Options

Tuition for the 640-Hour Massage Certificate Program is \$13,995. Enrollment fees, textbook, massage table and supplies are separate. Students may choose from the following tuition payment options:

### PAID IN FULL (PIF)

- Paid in Full covers tuition only
- Includes a table package valued up to \$650 (retail)
- Protects from tuition increases

### QUARTERLY PAYMENT

- Pay as you go for only your classes in current term
- Payment for class tuition due at time of registration
- Does not protect from tuition increases

### OSM LOW INTEREST LOAN (LIL)

- Administered by OSM
- Loan Processing fee of \$150
- Fixed Interest rate is currently 5%
- Tuition Deposit required (Minimum of \$500)
- Loan amount is for tuition only
- Loan terms of 36-60 months
- Protects from tuition increases

### Low Interest Loans - sample chart:

Duration Of Loan	\$500 Tuition Deposit	\$1000 Tuition Deposit
36 months	\$395/month	\$380/month
48 months	\$305/month	\$290/month
60 months	\$246/month	\$238/month

## NO INTEREST MONTHLY PAYMENT PLAN (MPP)

- Processing fee of \$75
- Payment terms from 18 to 24 months
- Tuition Deposit required (Minimum of \$500)
- Payment Plan is for tuition only
- Protects from tuition increases

### Monthly Payment Plan - sample chart:

Variable payments	\$500 Tuition Deposit	\$1000 Tuition Deposit
18 months	\$750/month	\$722/month
24 months	\$562/month	\$542/month

## ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

Enjoy the freedom of making your own shopping choices when it comes to books, supplies and massage tables - we don't include them in your tuition rate. Fees and expenses are approximately \$2090 and include:

- Admission Application Fee: \$25
- New Student Registration Fee: \$150
- Books (approximately): \$700
- Massage table (approximately): \$650
- Study supplies: \$100
- Miscellaneous (including professional massages): \$465

For more detailed information, please contact  
an Admissions representative:

Portland, 1-800-844-3420

Salem, 1-877-588-8912

### TRAINING PREVIEWS

Massage Training Previews provide a practical framework of the time, financing and energy needed for training, a review of Oregon licensing requirements, and a general overview of the profession including opportunities and challenges. The Preview will help you make a sound decision in your choice to pursue massage training. All Previews are free of charge. We recommend all prospective students attend this informative meeting.

### HOW TO ENROLL

1. Attend a free Massage Training Preview or schedule an appointment with an Admissions Coordinator for a personalized review of our Massage Certificate Program and the application process.
2. Submit the completed admissions materials, including all required paperwork and applicable fees. An Admissions Coordinator will contact you about scheduling an interview.
3. Upon acceptance into the Program, you may register for classes. Payment for classes is due at the time of registration. Once enrolled, you will be invited to attend a mandatory New Student Orientation prior to your first quarter of classes.



## Already a health care provider?

### MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL LIMITED ENROLLMENT - 335 HOURS

Oregon School of Massage offers a limited enrollment option for professionals currently holding an Oregon license in related healthcare fields (MD, ND, DC, PT, OT, RN, LPN, LAc). These professionals usually meet health science requirements, OSM's Medical Professional Limited Enrollment (MPLE) meets the remaining massage requirements. Flexible class schedules accommodate full or part-time, and day or evening students. The applicant must take and pass the MBLEx written exam and submit all prior education for licensure.

## Graduate Services

In support of OSM graduates, we maintain a Community Bulletin Board and Graduate E-mail Service where a variety of job requests are posted and/or sent. Clinics, salons, and medical offices consistently send ads for LMT positions and openings. During 2016 we sent over 190 job postings and heard from 30 graduates that they secured a position through this E-mail Service.

Many of our graduates choose to pursue private practices. We have a graduate referral service at the school and frequently recommend our graduates to individuals looking for an LMT.

## Advanced Training

LMTs often decide to specialize once they have been in the marketplace for some time. OSM offers a variety of electives, areas of specialization, and certificate programs to meet professional training needs.

## Launching your professional career

### LICENSING

Most states require some form of training and licensing, Oregon requires 625 hours. Please check

<https://www.abmp.com/practitioners/state-requirements> to get the most current and comprehensive explanation of the requirements for other states.

For more information about regulations in Oregon, visit the Oregon Board of Massage Therapists web site at [www.oregon.gov/obmt](http://www.oregon.gov/obmt).

### LICENSING IN OREGON

Massage licensure in Oregon requires an application including proof of 625 hours training, CPR, a background check and fees. Once approved, candidates take the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Exam. OSM graduates are well prepared for the Licensing Exam. When you pass the exam, you will submit a license application and fee. The time from graduating to licensure can be a few months.

### JOB OUTLOOK

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the U.S. Department of Labor, employment of massage therapists is expected to increase by 32 percent from 2020 to 2030, much faster than the average for all occupations. Employment will grow as more people learn about the benefits of massage therapy.



## Where will you work?

Massage therapists define their careers based on their interests, financial needs, personal philosophy of wellness and their ideal work schedule. Below we have described just a few massage environments (Source: [www.abmp.com](http://www.abmp.com)). Your career is in your hands!

### WELLNESS CENTERS

In this setting, the LMT (Licensed Massage Therapist) is one of many different types of healthcare providers; others may include a chiropractor, doctor, physical therapist, or nutritionist. Generally, LMTs are contractors and receive a percentage of the massage fee.

### PRIVATE PRACTICE

LMTs who start a private practice may rent or buy office space or create a workspace in their homes. Self-employment allows the therapist to set their own work hours and fees, create their own work environment, and have control over the types of clients they see.

### SPAS

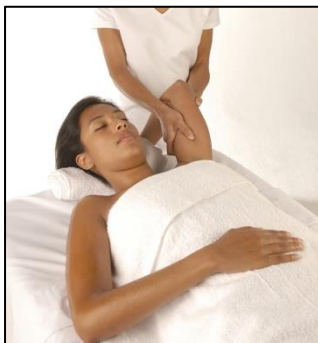
Spas are one of the primary employers of massage therapists since massage is the most requested service in spa settings. The work can be creative and varied with the LMT providing different types of body treatments in one shift.

### ON-SITE MASSAGE

On-site, seated, or chair massage is popular in an ever-growing variety of locations - malls, airports, events, and workplaces. You have no office space expense, and the chairs are very portable. Sessions are typically 15 - 30 minutes and most LMTs charge \$1/ minute.

### MASSAGE IN A CLINICAL/MEDICAL SETTING

Opportunities for employment are available in a chiropractic office, hospital, hospice, sports medicine clinic, physical therapy office, or rehabilitation center. LMTs may be employees or contractors.



“As President of Oregon School of Massage, I am dedicated to bringing talented educators who are experts in their fields to our faculty. Several instructors are published authors and nationally recognized speakers.”

~ Ray Siderius



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