

School of Health and Community Studies

Massage Therapy 0915X01FWO RMT Requirements

Application Information:

Thank you for your interest in the Massage Therapy program. For more information about our program please visit the [Massage Therapy Program Website](#)

All applicants *must complete one* of the following two requirements:

- (a) Complete an Introductory Massage Course, OR;
- (b) Spend one-on-one time with a Registered Massage Therapist (RMT).

If you chose (a) Complete an Introductory Massage Course

Algonquin College offers Introductory Massage Course (GEN5601) listed as General Massage through its School of Part-time Studies. Visit the [Centre for Continuing & Online Learning Website](#) and use the search function using the terms General Massage and GEN5601.

You may also participate in other Introductory Massage Courses suited to your needs. Once you have completed an Introductory Massage Course, please keep your documentation as you are required to submit a copy to Paramed (see below)

If you chose (b) Spend one-on-one time with a Registered Massage Therapist (RMT)

Spending one-on-one time (2-3 hours) with a Registered Massage Therapist (RMT) is offered as an alternative. You will need to inform the RMT about this process and know their regular hourly fee will likely be charged. See the back of this form for further information and required documentation. Ensure the form is signed by the RMT, make a copy and submit it to Paramed (see below)

If you need assistance to locate a participating RMT, please visit the [Registered Massage Therapist Association of Ontario \(RMTAO\) Website](#) to find a Massage Therapist near you or you may consult your local yellow pages under Massage Therapists – Reg'd.

Submit the completed Introductory Massage course OR the form signed by a Registered Massage Therapist, to Paramed by the end of the third week of the fall semester.

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Spending one-on-one time (2-3 hours) with a Registered Massage Therapist (RMT) is offered as an alternative to the Introductory Massage Course. It is expected that the therapist would be reimbursed by the applicant on an hourly basis at their usual rate. Other contracts could be arranged by individuals by mutual agreement. Other agreements could be arranged with qualified individuals.

You will demonstrate the Learning Outcomes below.

Massage Therapy Program (0915X) - Time with Registered Massage Therapist

Learning Outcomes	Knowledge Required
Following the estimated 2-3 hour experience with a RMT, the applicant will have demonstrated:	Suggested method of acquisition:
1. An understanding of what it feels like to be massaged.	1. Must experience a full body massage.
2. An understanding of the nature and scope of practice of the profession, its challenges and rewards.	2. State knowledge of the types of clients seen by massage therapists. 3. Describe the physical and emotional challenges of the job and give some examples of job rewards.
3. A beginning understanding of some of the ethical issues, especially those related to boundaries.	4. Explain the concept of boundaries permission and touching professionally.

Name:

Student #:

Student Address:

Telephone Number:

I hereby confirm that the above candidate has worked with me and successfully demonstrated to me the above learning outcomes.

RMTs name and address (please print):

RMTs Signature:

Date(s) of visit(s):

Bring completed form to:

ParaMed
1145 Hunt Club Road, Suite 400
Ottawa, Ontario K1V 0Y3

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Additional Requirements of Accepted Applicants:

1. Police Records Check for Service with the Vulnerable Sector (PRCSVS)

Successful completion of field placements or clinical placements in community agencies are a requirement for all students in this program. As required by community agencies, students are required to complete a **PRCSVS** screening prior to having direct contact with students and other vulnerable persons and is provided by a recognized Police Service. The resulting form must be made available to the field placement coordinators and agency officials when requested.

The time needed to obtain clear **PRCSVS** can vary. **You are advised to start the process 4 - 6 months before the start of the program.** Students failing to complete this by the program deadline cannot participate in the field placement component of the program. The **PRCSVS** screenings are **valid for 12 months only** and will require updating annually and must be valid through to May of the current school year. Students are responsible for the costs associated with this screenings.

Students who have a criminal record for which they have not been pardoned, may be unable to participate in field placements and therefore unable to meet the program requirements for graduation. Students are required to disclose outstanding criminal charges or other notations on their criminal records check. If this applies, students **must** contact your Program Chair prior to their field placement for the program.

Complete the **PRCSVS** to ensure successful completion of the program.

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1. FIRST AID AND CPR REQUIREMENT

- A current Standard First Aid certificate – recertification is required every year.
- A current CPR Level C, updated **annually**.

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