



Learn what it takes to become a **Massage Therapist**

Job Description

A massage therapist treats clients by applying pressure to manipulate the body's soft tissues and joints. Professional and certified massage therapists work in an array of settings, such as spas and offices of other health practitioners. Some also travel to local events, clients' homes, or other sites. Part-time work is common, and work schedules may vary. Many massage therapists are self-employed. In addition, many sports teams hire massage therapists to help their athletes recover from injuries and to relieve or manage pain.

Applicants to massage therapy programs typically need at least a high school diploma or equivalent. The curriculum generally includes both classroom study and hands-on practice of massage techniques. Required coursework includes sciences, such as anatomy, physiology, kinesiology, and pathology, as well as subjects such as business and ethics. Continued growth in the demand for massage services will lead to new jobs for massage therapists. As more people recognize massage therapy as a way to treat pain and to improve overall wellness, demand for massage therapists is expected to increase.

Indiana Wage Information

	Entry	Median
Hourly Wage	\$16.24	\$24.01

Job Outlook in Indiana

Long Term | +28.50% ↑

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Possible Growth Opportunities

- Self-employment
- Corporate Massage
- Healthcare Massage
- Managerial Role

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