



What Every Massage Student Needs to Know

Completing your Massage Therapy Education to meet the 250 or 500 hours (CATMC administered) state certification:

You may enroll in our 250-hour Massage Practitioner (CMP) or our full 500-hour Massage Therapist Programs (CMT). Or you may take our Swedish Massage class to kick off your training on a *class-by-class* basis. **Our class-by-class offer is the unique model of massage schools in Eastern Riverside County. Somatherapy has solely designed this program with the student and his/her financial and time obligations in mind.**

For the first 266 hours of training in the Somatherapy Institute Practitioner Program, the courses have been carefully selected to meet the requirement of the California Massage Therapy Council (CAMTC.) Each student must complete the Practitioner Program as outlined. After you have completed the Somatherapy Institute Practitioner Program, and you fulfill all the requirements designated by the CATMC, visit www.camtc.org for details, may apply for the CATMC Practitioner CMP designation. Depending upon your city and place of employment, this may allow you to start practicing your new skills. **Not all cities (in applying for a business license) and employers accept CMP certification; many require students to have the full 500-hour CMT certification.**

The Massage Practitioner Program according to [California Business and Professions Code Section 4600](#) will be available to new applicants who meet all the requirements until **December 31, 2015**. After this time, only the 500-hour CMT designation will be available. This is an important note and should provide extra motivation for our students to begin their course work now with a goal of applying to the CAMTC for the CMP certification before this final date.

Please note, the California law: If you are not certified by CAMTC, you cannot call yourself or use the initials of a Certified Massage Therapist (CMT), Licensed Massage Therapist (LMT), Registered Massage Therapist (RMT), or Certified Massage Practitioner (CMP).

Continuing on with the Massage Therapist Program: Once you've completed our 266-hour program and maybe you've applied for your CMP (or you may wait to apply all at once for a CMT,) you should continue your studies for the Certified Massage Therapist CMT designation. The remaining hours to obtain your full 500-hours required for certification can be achieved through continuation with Somatherapy Institute's Massage Therapist training program *as well as* participating in elective courses offered through workshops. We offer many classes that cover a wide choice of modalities in addition to the set curriculum outlined on our Educational Program Schedule.

Please call our office for a complete program overview 760.321.9214 or email us at Somatherapyinstitute@gmail.com