



cortiva institute® - boston

School of Massage Therapy

Oncology Massage Program at the Boston Medical Center

Selection Criteria

Licensed massage therapists who are motivated and are interested in gaining experience in a large, inner-city hospital that serves a diverse and underserved population will be considered for participation in this program. Placement in our program is competitive due to limited space. Applicants are encouraged to resubmit their application for another session if they are not accepted. Please review the attached vaccinations needed to work at BMC and allow time for going to get the ones you still need with proof from your physician.

Course Pre-requisites

1. Certificate of completion of one of the following courses completed within the past 2 years:
 - Massage & Cancer (Cortiva CE course)
 - Caring for Clients with Cancer – Tracy Walton
 - Massage in Cancer Care Webinar Series with Tracy Walton
(http://benbenjamin.com/webinarDescrip.php?id=S_199940731)
2. Massachusetts massage therapy license
3. Professional liability insurance
4. Personal Health Care coverage (medical insurance)

Application Process: Complete* and return the application postmarked no later than March 9, 2012, and mail to:

**Cortiva Institute
103 Morse St
Watertown, MA 02472
Attn: Saskia Coté**

Please include the following documents:

- Application form
- Essay (400 - 500 words, typed)
- Three non-Cortiva employee letters of recommendation
- Resume
- Copy of Massachusetts Massage License
- Copy of Professional Liability Insurance
- Copy of your Health care coverage (medical insurance) card
- Certificate of completion of one of the pre-requisite courses listed above

*Only complete applications will be considered.

Interview

Once your completed application is received, you will be contacted by a member of our staff who will conduct a brief interview. If you are selected as a possible candidate for this program, you will be invited for an in-person interview with the Director of the Program.

Program Overview

Cancer care at Boston Medical Center is a comprehensive and centralized service expressly designed for high quality care, comfort, and privacy. This places Boston Medical Center among the best, most advanced, and most integrated cancer care facilities in all of New England.

This is where high tech meets high touch. Integrative team members coordinate consults, massage, acupuncture, yoga and all the services a patient needs. Everyone works with one ultimate goal in mind—to treat every patient with dignity and compassion.

Specialty cancer services include the Solomon Center for Hematology and Medical Oncology, Surgical Oncology, Radiation Oncology, Nuclear Radiology, and multi-specialty consultation to help accelerate diagnosis and treatment, as well as streamline access to care.

Goal

The mission of the Oncology Massage Program is to provide licensed massage therapists with the knowledge and skills to massage cancer patients safely and effectively and to gain experience providing gentle comfort massage in the oncology setting.

Commitment

Massage therapists commit to a 13 week program – 3.5 hours a week for most weeks, 50 hours total.

Curriculum

Orientation of the oncology unit
Policies and Procedures
Presentation on cultural diversity
Hospital protocols – environment –working with the medical team
Research – Paula Gardner
Oncology massage – Eastern viewpoint
Contraindications – working with patients and treatment
Positioning and Therapist safe practice, grounding, therapeutic presence
Mini lectures/check-ins – open discussions

Candidate Application
for
Oncology Massage Program



Date: _____

Contact Information

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Current Employer

Company/Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Massage Therapy Education

Massage School: _____

Program Hours: _____

Graduation Year: _____

Massachusetts Massage License No.: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Professional Liability Insurance No.: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Additional Education and/or Certifications:

References: (Please attach 3 written letters of recommendation):

Name: _____ Title: _____ Telephone: _____

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Essay: In 400 to 500 words, please explain why you are interested in the Cortiva Institute - Boston / BMC Oncology Massage Program (please attach).

List of Required Vaccinations and Immunizations

We have changed our policy regarding Internship Compliance Requirements with regards to Immunizations and Vaccinations. Boston Medical Center is now in-line with other hospitals in the greater Boston area that require you to provide the following *before* beginning your internship:

- **2 MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella)** vaccine dates or positive titer results.
- **2 Varicella (Chicken Pox)** vaccine dates or positive titer results or health care provider documented disease.
- **Hepatitis B** vaccine dates and positive Hep B Surface antibody.
- **Tdap** vaccine (not required/strongly preferred; includes protection against pertussis or whooping cough).
- **Tuberculosis skin test (TST)** results. Two skin tests, one within 12 weeks of starting to work and one within 12 months before that. TST results must include date given and read and the millimeter (mm) of induration. The form should be signed by the health professional reading the test with printed name, title, and contact number on his or her letterhead.
- **For those with prior positive TB skin tests**, documentation of the positive TB test date with size (mm) of skin reaction/induration, a copy of a normal chest X-Ray report obtained after the diagnosis of positive TB skin test, and documentation of receiving TB medication counseling.
- **Other Tests for TB** such as the QFT or T-Spot obtained via blood draws will be accepted or utilized on a case by case basis.

You will be required to bring with you to your appointment at Occupational and Environmental Medicine your own vaccination and immunization records. Do not fax or mail these forms as previously accepted. If you arrive to your appointment at Occupational and Environmental Medicine without all of the above immunizations and vaccinations, you will be turned away and not given clearance to move on to the next phases of the Internship On-Boarding Process, as we will no longer be TB testing or drawing titers to obtain this information.