

## **New Massage Therapy Program Fall 2011**

Skyline College's Massage Therapy Certificate Program will prepare students for gainful employment as a massage therapist in a healing arts environment. The program is designed to provide theoretical knowledge and hands-on skills in massage therapy and related spa/wellness modalities. The program provides students with the skills and knowledge necessary to be successful in this field and includes a thorough knowledge of anatomy, physiology, business practices and ethics. Students will work in the massage clinic to gain mastery of the skills learned in the classroom. Skyline College's Wellness Program will be housed in a new facility with state-of-the art equipment in the Fall of 2011.

Upon successful completion of the comprehensive 500-hour, two semester program, students can apply for Massage Therapy Certification in California (California Massage Therapy Council) and be eligible to take the National Board exam (National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork) to be recognized on a state-wide and national level. Students will also be able to obtain an 18-unit Certificate of Achievement from Skyline College.

Graduates for the Massage Therapy Program can look forward to careers in a number of health care and other related fields:

- Health and wellness centers
- Self-employed private practice
- Hotels and resorts
- Physical therapy centers
- Rehabilitation clinics and hospitals
- Sports organizations
- Spas
- Cruise ships

The Massage Therapy courses prepare students for entry to intermediate level employment as well as other related jobs in the field. Skilled massage therapists are in demand. Certified massage therapists have the flexibility to work either full or part-time and employment opportunities are available without regard to gender or legal age.