

Sheffield Centre for Massage Training

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Hope you enjoy reading the prospectus and look forward to meeting you on the next Professional Massage Training

Vicky Gaughan (Principal SCMT)

Imagine a therapy where you use your hands and heart to help people... massage is that therapy!

Diploma in Holistic Therapeutic Massage

The course structure is as follows:

3 Weekend Workshops running **10.30 a.m. ~ 5.00 p.m.** precede each term, the **ten week terms** run on **Thursday Evenings 7 p.m. ~ 10 p.m.** and the **Ending Workshop** takes place on a **Saturday**. There are also **3 coaching (weekend) days** where the student receives valuable developmental support and at the same time **student clinics** take place. In addition there are **5 Sundays** dedicated to the relevant **Anatomy, Physiology and Pathology (AP&P)** for Massage Practitioners. A **First Aid Day** is required for those students without a current first aid training attendance certificate.

The dates below make up the professional training for 2010/11

Weekend Workshop & AP&P: 16th/17th October 2010

Term 1: 21st Oct. until 23rd December 2010

2. AP&P: Sunday 7th November 2010

First Aid Day: date TBC (*optional if you are in receipt of a current first aid certificate*)

Coaching Session & Student Clinic: Saturday 19th Dec. 2010.

Weekend Workshop: 15th/16th January 2011

Term 2: 20th January until 24th March 2011

3 & 4. AP&P: Sundays 6th Feb. & 17th April 2011

Coaching Session & Student Clinic: Sat. 26th Mar. 2011.

Weekend Workshop: 7th & 8th May 2011

Term 3: 12th May until 14th July 2011.

Student Clinic: Saturday 21st May 2011

5. AP&P: Sunday 15th May 2011

Exams: Friday, 10th June 2011. MTI National Anatomy, Physiology & Pathology written exam, time: 10am – 1pm (you may need to book time off work). 25th/26th June 2011 internal assessment. 9th/10th July 2011 MTI practical assessment.

Ending: Workshop: Saturday 16th July 2011

(inc. Presentation of SCMT Diplomas)

Further details about the course

The Sheffield Centre for Massage Training One Year Diploma Course offers the student a high standard of professional training incomparable to other trainings in the North. During the course there is a mixture of practical and academic work it is therefore essential that the student has adequate spoken and written English. The individual interested in massage will find this course stimulating, satisfying and challenging as we journey through all myriad aspects of this exciting way of working with people. There will be a process of **self, peer and facilitator** assessment throughout the training. This will be particularly relevant in the last term when we focus on the student as practitioner. During the Summer preparation will take place to take the **Massage Training Institute (MTI)** practical and written exams. Graduates of SCMT are eligible for public liability insurance and can apply for associate membership of the **Northern Massage Association (NMA)**, they may also join the **Massage Training Institute (MTI)** practitioner register.

Equal Opportunities Statement

The Sheffield Centre for Massage Training is committed to equal opportunities. The course is open to all women and men, irrespective of age, religion/creed or size. We welcome applications from Black and Ethnic minorities, Lesbians and Gays. People with Disabilities are encouraged to contact the SCMT to discuss their requirements. Students can expect their tutors to be aware of this policy statement and be non-discriminatory in their teachings.

Protocol

SCMT reserve the right to refuse enrolment if an applicant is deemed unsuitable for the course.

SCMT reserve the right to ask a student to leave at any stage: if they prove in any way unsuitable for the course.

Students are required to attend all classes punctually. If a student's attendance falls below 85% extra tuition will be necessary to complete the course at the students own expense over and above the course fee.

SCMT reserve the right to change the dates and venue of any class or substitute a guest tutor should unforeseen circumstances occur, although this will be avoided as far as possible.

No one else, unless invited by **SCMT** other than the students may attend the course.

All fees must be paid by the dates agreed. Any student withdrawing after this will be liable for the total fee. **It is therefore essential that students intend to complete the course before enrolling.**

Students are expected to act in a compassionate, ethical and responsible way whilst on the course or engaged in any related way.

Students will need to take out "Student Insurance" (cost approx. £60) for the duration of the training. Please ask for details at the start of the course.

Students should agree in full to the protocol before registration

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About SCMT

Sheffield Centre for Massage Training was established in 1995 as the Sheffield School of Massage. It continued to develop and over the years has become committed to a person centred approach to the work both in teaching and working with members of the public. SCMT offers Workshops, short courses and professional training in massage and has developed a bespoke professional course for Muslim women. The professional training uses the Massage Training Institute (MTI) examining body, see www.massagetraining.co.uk for further details. SCMT, through MTI, is a member of the General Council for Massage Therapy (GCMT) the lead body for massage, see www.gcmt.org.uk . Through GCMT, SCMT is affiliated to the Complementary and Natural Healthcare Council (CNHC), see www.cnhc.org.uk and as such keeps students informed of current regulations and policies for Massage Therapy & the protection of the public.

Book List

SCMT provides the course books which are on sale in the library, please ask for details. Students may also be interested in the following titles:

Touching: The Human Significance of Skin

Ashley Montague (Perennial Library)

Touched by the Goddess: The Physical, Psychological and Spiritual Powers of Bodywork

Deane Juhan (Barrytown/Station Hill)

Bodymind

Ken Dychtwald (Tarcher & Putnam)

The Muscle Book

Paul Blakely (Bibliotech)

SCMT has a small library of massage and related topics.

Fees Policy

Payment in full and payments by instalments are acceptable. **Professional & Career Development loans** are available from the Department for Education and Employment, please contact your Job Centre or www.lsc.gov.uk for more details.

Profits of the school are primarily used in improving its education facilities for its students benefit.

SCMT can withhold examination certificates if fees are outstanding.

Interviews & Open Evenings

This course is suitable for those with some prior experience of massage. Applicants need to have attended an introductory workshop or a taster day with a recognised trainer or have relevant insight into the work. The interview is for the benefit of both parties, it is an informal meeting to discuss and clarify any queries you may have. The interviews take place at a mutually agreed time. There are several open evenings during the year some people prefer to attend a group to help them gain the most information about the course.

Payments

Within 14 days of acceptance you will be required to pay a non-returnable deposit of 10% of the course fee to secure your place.

Fees & Registration for the Diploma Course starting 16th October 2010 are £1600 (payable in 12 monthly instalments).

Fees for the MTI practical and theoretical examinations are £130 due in May 2011.

Holistic Therapeutic Massage Diploma FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q. I haven't done any massage before, what is the next step?

A. It is recommended that you do an Introductory Massage Weekend. The Diploma course requires great commitment; therefore it's a good idea to have a taster to find out if it's really for you.

Q. What is the difference between Massage and Aromatherapy?

A. Although there are some similarities i.e. they borrow from each other, these therapies have completely different rationales. Massage uses a large range of body work techniques to relax, lengthen and nourish muscles, joint mobilisation to ease stiffness and various approaches to assist body awareness. The Massage Therapist is primarily interested in the therapeutic properties of massage and its effects. Aromatherapy is primarily interested in the therapeutic effects of essential oils. Essential oils are said to have different properties and by using different approaches e.g. baths, compresses or massage the oils will be absorbed into the body bringing about an improvement of certain conditions. Some massage therapists use essential oils and frequently you find that aroma therapists use massage.

Q. I have done a short course in massage can I do your Massage Training?

A. Yes, but we would need to meet and have a chat to make sure you understand what is involved in this training.

Q. What kind of people will I meet on this course?

A. A diverse group of people, different ages, size and shapes, men and women from different backgrounds. A group of 8-14 people.

Q. What homework will there be?

A. Getting to practice on friends and family is essential; you need to complete a practice journal recording at least 40 hours given massage and 10 hours received. There are AP&P homework projects to complete and group presentations to prepare.

Q. How will I pay for the course?

A. Some people pay for the course in one lump sum, some pay 3 instalments 1 per term and some people pay in 12 monthly instalments. Please confirm how you would like to pay for the course.

Q. Will I need a Massage Table?

A. During your training the SCMT has enough massage tables to go round however at some point you will want to invest in a massage table and SCMT has details of many different kinds.

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Massage Training Institute – The Difference That Makes the Difference!

General/Overall

- MTI develops students to be professional practitioners who can work with a range of people and give massage that really attends to their wants and needs.
- If you want to be taught a sequence of strokes to perform on a body – this is not the training for you!
- At the core of your training with MTI is the recognition that we do massage WITH whole, individual people and not TO bodies or their parts.

Course/Training Duration

- MTI provides a training that is a process over a period of time to enable students to mature/develop and become professional and confident.
- Courses include wide-ranging content and teaching styles e.g. communication skills, experiential exercises, practical demos, self-directed learning, placements.
- Time between supervised teaching sessions allows for practice, development and integration – making the learning from the last session your own and getting confident and competent with it before moving on to (add) more.
- Minimum attendance requirement is 85%.
- We believe learning to do “good” massage with people takes time and practice... we do not offer intensive courses.
- We offer introductory trainings & taster days, which teach all the basics and may be suitable if you want to massage family and friends rather than pursue a professional path/career
- Graduates report feeling well prepared to start their own professional practice.

Practical Exam

- The way in which the massage is done is as important as the technical skills i.e. a person-centred approach and characteristic of this is:
 - Compassion and awareness
 - Aware of self as well as client
 - Tone of voice, body language, atmosphere
- Clinical practice with real clients during training prepares students well for the practical assessment.
- The practical assessment is as close to ‘real life’ as a professional session is possible, i.e. a professional setting – a private space with an unknown client (allocated by the training provider) observed one-to-one throughout by an external examiner. There is an emphasis on:
 - Centred and professional manner
 - Communication, relationship and rapport with client
 - Taking a full case history
 - Negotiating and delivering/giving an appropriate and individual tailored massage... both in content and style: attentive, sensitive and

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- adapting to the client and their needs and seeking and responding to their feedback.
- Sensitive and safe body and hand use
- Appropriate after-care suggestions
- Students' course work, client case histories etc. also form part of the practical assessment by the external examiner. Emphasis on existence of:
 - Reflective practice
 - Ability to work with and develop strengths and weaknesses
 - Range of clientele worked with
 - Massage received reflected on
- Immediate verbal and written feedback
- We make no apologies for this being a 'rite of passage', students have said, "if I can do that when I'm nervous, being watched and scrutinised one-to-one, I can work with any client who walks through my door"

Theory Exam

- A written paper requiring short answers (35 short answers, 20 labels) and longer essay style answers (3 out of choice of 6). The emphasis is on knowledge specifically relevant to massage as applied in practice e.g. rationale behind contraindications, effects of different massage strokes.
- Tests students' understanding and ability to apply knowledge to client's needs e.g. the use of knowledge in treatment planning.
- Pass mark is 65%

Personal Development

- Central to the MTI approach is work on your own personal development and self-awareness.
- The person-centred approach of MTI is not just for the client, but also for the student / practitioner.
- Although often a treat and luxurious we see massage can cover the spectrum from rewarding indulgence through healing encounter to intimate therapy.

We Are All People

- MTI graduates are human and deliver a person centred approach.
- MTI graduates convey a positive attitude to working intimately with touch, respecting the whole person:
 - Their physical body
 - Their innate spirit
 - Their rights, needs and choices.

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Care and Use of Your Own Body

- Emphasis on looking after the student practitioners own body when working / doing massage. Particularly:
 - how we protect and avoid overuse of our hands and joints.
 - using movement and body weight effectively.
- MTI train people for (potentially) long careers as body workers / massage practitioners.
- MTI graduates stand out e.g. One graduate on a course was asked, ‘where did you train, you move so well around the table – who taught you to do that?’

Post-Graduate

- Provision of good and varied CPD courses and info particularly through In Touch magazine (MTI publication).
- Welcomes graduate involvement and contribution to the magazine.

Essence

Why Train With MTI?

- MTI graduates have their own style.

“That was like no other massage I’ve received”

- MTI graduates feel ready for professional careers.

“I loved designing my own business card & leaflet”

- MTI Graduates get noticed.

“Where did you train, you have such a good range?”

MTI is built on the strong foundation of compassion and awareness and a recognition that we are all people, whether student, graduate, tutor or client.

If you like the look of this join us on the next professional training.

You’ll fit right in!

Introductory Massage Weekends, Taster Days and Open Evenings 2010

Open Eve. Demo. & Mini Workshop: Monday 29th March 2010 6.30pm – 8pm

Introductory Weekend: 10th & 11th April 2010

Taster Day 15th May 2010

Introductory Weekend: 5th & 6th June 2010

Open Eve. Demo. & Mini Workshop: Friday 21st May 2010 6.30pm – 8pm