Health Requirements
A tuberculin (Tb) skin test is required for participation in the Therapeutic Massage Program. The Tb skin test may be obtained from your private physician’s office, urgent care clinics, and some community health departments. The test consists of an injection of a solution under the skin of the forearm and a return visit to verify results of the test within 48 to 72 hours. Printed results of the test are required to be turned in to the Health Sciences Health Records Clerk. In the case of a positive test result, student should consult with a doctor. Evidence of a negative Tb skin test or negative chest x-ray must be presented prior to registering for the MSG classes.

Malpractice Insurance
Malpractice insurance is required of the student while enrolled in the program. The cost of malpractice insurance is $10 per semester and is added to the cost of tuition each semester.

Drug Screening
Students enrolled in the program are required to undergo drug screening. The cost is the responsibility of the student. Thirty-three dollars ($33) is added to the cost of tuition for the first semester. Random drug screening will be held each semester. Students testing positive will be administratively withdrawn from the program.

CPR Certification
Massage students are required to obtain CPR certification at the level of American Heart Association Healthcare Provider prior to registering for MSG courses. Certification must be kept current throughout program. Southern Union offers CPR classes monthly for a fee of $30. For dates and registration form visit www.suscc.edu/programs/cpr-information.

Health Insurance
Massage students are not required to purchase individual health insurance but it is highly recommended for your protection. If you are interested in health insurance, contact the Health Sciences Division for more information.

Pregnancy Policy for Therapeutic Massage Program
A female student has the option of whether or not to inform program officials of her pregnancy. If the female chooses to voluntarily disclose this information, it must be done in writing and include the expected date of delivery. Following written disclosure, the student will be a Declared Pregnant Student. Without this documentation, a student cannot be considered pregnant and will not be excused from participating in lab or clinical. If the student decides to disclose her pregnancy, she has the option of:

1. continuing the classes, labs, and clinical experiences, provided the student can meet the essential functions of the program, as well as give and receive neuromuscular deep tissue and sports massages and participate in all activities expected of other students in classes, labs, and clinical experiences. Documentation from the student’s physician will be required.

2. taking a leave of absence from the program and later applying for readmission.