



## Admissions Policy

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VCMT provides an excellent education to motivated students interested in entering the massage therapy profession. VCMT admits three full-time classes per year with intakes occurring in January, May and September, as well as a part-time program with an intake in alternating terms. VCMT seeks students with the academic qualities, personal standards, and commitment that lead to high levels of success in the program and in their future careers as Registered Massage Therapists. To this end, VCMT has established the following minimum requirements for students applying for admission to our program.

### ACADEMIC STANDARDS

#### Secondary School Requirement

In order to be accepted into the program, students will need to have met the following minimum Secondary School requirements:

- High school graduation diploma (Dogwood) or equivalent.
- An average of at least 70% in English 12 or an equivalent English course.
  - Students who have not achieved the minimum English 12 grade must complete meet one of the following requirements:
    - Complete an approved college/university English course *in a country where English is the principal language* with a minimum of 70%; or
    - Successfully complete 2 years of full-time studies at an English-speaking college university; or
    - Achieve one of the following minimums on an English language exam:
      - IELTS overall score of 6.5 with no part less than 6.0
      - TOEFL iBT overall score of 88 with no part less than 20
      - CELPIP overall score of 7 with no part less than 6
      - CLB overall score of 7 with no part less than 6
      - CAEL overall score of 70 with no part less than 60
      - PTE overall score of 65 with no part less than 60

#### Post-Secondary Education

As entry into VCMT is competitive, priority will be given to applicants who are able to display academic proficiency through their post-secondary education. It is advantageous to have experience in human biology, kinesiology, or a related field of study.

#### Personal/Professional Qualities

In addition to meeting academic standards, students will be required to demonstrate high levels of motivation, compassion, integrity, mindfulness, English competency, commitment, and personal confidence. These will be determined in the following ways:

- Through the interview process where each candidate is interviewed by VCMT's Admissions Director.
- Through portfolio evidence (electronic or hard copy artefacts that indicate the student's level of readiness and commitment to complete the RMT program).

#### Health Standards

Each candidate will need to confirm a level of health and fitness that meets the requirements and rigours of the profession by meeting the health requirements listed on VCMT's **Health Assessment Form**.



### **Criminal Record Check**

Each candidate will need to secure a document-clear Criminal Record Check. Any future changes or convictions for criminal offences must be reported and would require a new criminal record check authorization.

### **ADMISSION PROCEDURE**

Applicants will:

1. Submit the VCMT Application Form (5100.1) along with a copy of their final high school transcript and documentation that indicates having met the English requirement.
2. Submit a portfolio or other supporting documents outlining the candidate's academic readiness and involvements in activities that promote and/or indicate a positive, healthy, engaged, compassionate lifestyle.
3. Submit a clear, recent Police Information Check or BC Criminal Records Review Program check.
4. Sign and submit the VCMT Health Assessment Form.
5. Submit a copy of their photo ID
6. Undergo an interview with a VCMT representative as arranged through VCMT Admissions.
7. Attend an Introductory Massage Workshop or equivalent as approved by VCMT..
8. Sign the VCMT Student Contract and pay the registration fee and deposit.
9. Meet with an admissions representative to review the Student Contract, tuition fees and [Tuition Refund Policy](#) (see Appendix 2).

#### **NOTE**

Final decisions regarding the suitability of a candidate rest fully with VCMT and its Admissions representatives. Admission to VCMT is competitive; the admission requirements outlined above are a minimum standard and do not guarantee entry into the program.