What MountainHeart Students Want To Know

How does your curriculum compare?
We have a very advanced curriculum here at MountainHeart. We teach you many things that most people learn only in advanced continuing education. All our teachers graduated from MountainHeart and are coached in advanced teaching skills. This makes our CMT program a very integrated experience with student friendly flexibility. With our 702 & 850 hour CMT Programs, you to enter the profession at the level of a more experienced therapist.
Our graduates are very successful on their chosen path & love their education.

What is it like there in the mountains?
The people who live here LOVE it!
Many thought they were just passing through - and are still here.
The climate is not hot in the summer & cool - low humidity - in the winter. This makes for the ideal outdoor activity lifestyle that many people love. Our students fall in love with the friendly & fun small ski town atmosphere as well. We are in one of the truly most beautiful places on our planet!

What about housing?
MountainHeart provides assistance in finding housing situations that fit your needs. Crested Butte has many housing options every spring and fall, before we start classes. We e-mail you information from around town and direct you to newspaper web sites. Everyone who has decided to come here has been able to find housing that worked for them!

What about jobs?
Most of our students work at least some while in school. Crested Butte has many jobs for part-time work that can be scheduled around school. All of our students who have wanted to find work, have been able to! In this small friendly town, business owners have come to love our students as employees.

How does your tuition compare?
Our tuition is one of the best in Colorado and many other places. On a per hour basis, we are one of the (perhaps the) most reasonably priced. Considering the cost of loans in most situations, our payment plans also save you money. Large schools that offer federal student loans offset their costs with higher tuition rates. Students have been able to pay off full tuition loans here in only 6 months! Please read the other information on financing in your e-mails.
What about accreditation?
First: MountainHeart is Approved and Regulated by the Colorado Department of Higher Education, Private Occupational School Board. Our CMT Program is approved by both the ABMP & the AMTA - so graduates can join those professional organizations. Our CMT Program is approved by the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork so students can join that organization. Our students are also eligible to take the MBLEx test by the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards, also accepted or required by most states.
- Here are some of the things to consider about other forms of accreditation.
  • It is not required and costs schools to become accredited. This is reflected in higher tuition to cover those costs.
  • Many schools will tell you that you need to go to an accredited school - this is just not true.
  • Schools will be forced to follow guidelines that limit what they can teach. That is OK when schools do not know what they are doing or if they are cutting corners, but does not work well for schools that are teaching great content that they might be forced to drop.
  • Accreditation looks good at the outset, making schools more appealing, but guarantees the student almost nothing in terms of better jobs or a better position in the marketplace.
  • Some schools will be able to offer you Federal Student Loans because they are accredited, but the tuition cost to you will more than offset that advantage.
  • True, there are some schools that are not that good and might be better off being more regulated. But accreditation does not completely eliminate that problem.
  • You will love your experience here, get a great education, have fun, and pay less!
  • Our program is based on getting you to a place of understanding that a well experienced practitioner comes from, not an "entry level" practitioner. Our graduates have proven this over and over again.
  • The best way to understand this is to talk it over by phone so we can answer your questions!

About moving to another state as a Massage Therapist.
*You should never pick a school based on a particular state's requirements! Find your own path and simply do whatever it takes!
• All states MUST have a way for you to move there and practice your profession.
• All states differ in what they require of a Massage therapist. Some still have no regulation.
• With most states, it is simply a matter of jumping through the hoops they have set up. Here are some examples: - Pass the MBLEx. - Pass a state test. - CPR - Purchase License - Background Check
• Most states require less hours than MountainHeart's 702 or 850! (2 require more)
• A few states require that you transfer your credits into one of their state approved school. This is an easy thing to do and we put together specific transcripts for each state as required.
• Planning ahead before moving is always best!
• One of the benefits of being a Massage Therapist is the ease of moving somewhere new and setting up a practice. There are more regulations now, but don't let that stop you!
• As time goes by, more states are accepting similar guidelines for regulation. Expect it to get easier to move in the future.
• MountainHeart Graduates have gone on to live all over the U.S. and some other countries as well! You could be one of them!

Your best approach is to set up a call with us so we can answer all your questions and show you all the options! 970-275-1090 THANKS!!