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MTI earns COMTA accreditation

Massage Therapy program accredited for five years

(Bradenton, FL—November 18, 2011) The Massage Therapy program at Manatee Technical Institute was just accredited by the Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation (COMTA).

At its October 2011 meeting, COMTA reviewed the initial accreditation for MTI. This review included consideration of the program's most recent self-study report, the program's revisions to the self-study report, the report of the site team and the program's response to the site team report. Based upon the information submitted for review, the Commission acted to accredit the MTI program for a period of five years with conditions.

The school's accreditation shall continue until October 2016.

MTI began offering Massage Therapy in 2003 at MTI's East Campus in Lakewood Ranch. The 750-hour program prepares students for employment as Licensed Massage Therapists. MTI's pass rate for the MBLEx licensing exam has consistently been 95 percent.

Program instructor is Nancie Yonker, BA, LMT. MTI massage therapy program graduate Michael McKnight, BS, LMT, assisted Ms. Yonker with the accreditation process. For more information about MTI's program, contact career counselor Ronai Krugh at 751-8479, ext. 2038.

About Manatee Technical Institute: Manatee Technical Institute is fully accredited by the Council on Occupational Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. It is a postsecondary career and technical education center under the School District of Manatee County offering over 40 career preparation programs. The mission of Manatee Technical Institute is to meet and exceed our community's training and educational expectations. MTI is a 2007 Tampa Bay Business of the Year, and its students have won more SkillsUSA medals than any other school in the nation for the past eight years.

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