



(Above and Right) Massage instructor Iana Trajanovski gives hands-on demonstrations to students. (Bottom Right) Students in Computer Lab

SUCCESS SCHOOLS: New massage and body works therapy program launched

“At Success Schools LLC, we create programs with our students’ needs in mind. Our mission is to train men and women in their chosen field and allow them to work and enjoy their field.”

— Nancy Barsic, president of Success Schools LLC

That philosophy provides the framework for the extraordinary success of the largest barber school in Indiana and Illinois, says Nancy Barsic, president of Success Schools LLC. This family-owned and -operated vocational school is headquartered in Merrillville, with barber school locations there and in Chicago.

Her husband, John Barsic, administers the Merrillville barber school while their son, Joe, runs the Chicago barber school.

Now Success Schools LLC has launched a new Massage and Body Works Therapy Program accredited by the Council on Occupational Education and licensed by the Indiana Commission on Proprietary Education. It is the only accredited massage school in the area, Nancy says.

The spacious building 8101 Polo Club Dr. is owned by the Barsic family and houses the state-of-the-art facilities for both the barber school and the professional massage and body works clinical area, with plenty of room for expansion.

Here students in the new program participate in 720 clock hours or about six months of training that includes both classroom and hands-on work, under the expert tutelage of Iana Trajanovski, Nancy says.

Students learn the basics of Swedish, sports and chair massage, as well as anatomy, physiology, pathology, massage ethics and more.

“Students should be comfortable giving and receiving massage therapy from fellow classmates daily,” Nancy says. “Advanced students will have the opportunity to work on general public clients in the state-of-the-art 7,500-square foot professional clinical area.”

The objective of the Clinical Massage Therapy Diploma program is for students to obtain the skills required by health care and personal service employees in a myriad of settings, Nancy says.

Those settings include salons, fitness centers, medical offices, hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, chiropractic clinics, resorts and cruise ships and their own businesses.



(Above) Massage instructor Iana Trajanovski discusses anatomy with students at Success Schools LLC.



(Above) Financial aid advisor at Success Schools LLC.



Classes start every month, and students can apply for federal financial aid.

Admission requirements include a high school diploma or GED from an accredited establishment, proper identification and passing a criminal background check. There is also an interview with administration that will help prospective students

understand the profession of massage and body works therapy, Nancy says.

“We offer flexible class schedules so that our students can work around family and employment obligations. There is also a child care center right in the building,” she says. “In addition, we offer personal tutoring and small classes to insure student success including a complete computer lab for daily quizzes and weekly exams to insure success.”

After graduation, Success Schools LLC offers free job placement services.

“During the program, you will receive classes in entrepreneurship that will assist you in opening your own business if you like,” Nancy says. “We offer an onsite placement option whereby graduates can begin their career here in our massage and therapy professional clinic at a minimum cost and grow their own business.”

Graduates of the diploma program are also eligible to sit for national certification through the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork and the Indiana Professional Licensing examination.

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