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SKYLINE COLLEGE RESPONDS TO GROWTH IN THE MASSAGE THERAPY INDUSTRY

San Bruno, California – April 22, 2013: Skyline College is currently recruiting prospective students for its second year of the new Massage Therapy Certificate Program. As a result of the 20% expected growth in massage therapists by the US Department of Labor, Skyline College formed this new program in 2012.

The 9-month program is a quick and affordable choice for those seeking to start a career in the growing wellness field. Tuition is under \$1,700 compared to over \$10,000 at private schools and includes 500-hours of classroom instruction and practical experience, a massage table and supplies to start a new career. At the conclusion of the program, students are eligible for state certification through the Massage Therapy Certification Council. The deadline for applying is May 31, 2013.

“We expect the program to grow along with strong consumer demand for quality massage therapists,” commented Don Carlson, Dean of the Business Division. “The program offers a solid education and career training in state of art facilities, experienced faculty and you can’t beat the tuition rates.”

In addition to the Massage Certificate Program, there are a variety of massage therapy and wellness related one-day courses offered for the community on weekends throughout the year. These courses teach skills the layperson can apply in their daily life and are a great place for prospective students to explore a possible career in massage therapy and wellness.

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For the first time since the program began, students will be eligible to apply for financial aid, which will make the program more accessible to those previously unable to attend for financial reasons. Several new associate degrees are being developed to allow transfer to the UC system.

The student lead Massage Spa is now open to the community for discounted massage sessions on Thursday evenings. There are discounts for seniors and Skyline students and staff. Community members that are interested in scheduling appointments at the Massage Spa, may do so by calling 650-738-4363.

To find out more about the Skyline College Massage Certificate Program and wellness course offerings contact the Wellness Program Linda Aldridge at 650-738-4366 or aldrigel@smccd.edu.

Skyline College is an accredited, comprehensive California community college serving more than 10,000 students offering over 80 Associate Degree and Certificate programs. Located on a 111-acre campus overlooking the Pacific Ocean, Skyline College has offered world-class educational opportunities to residents from North San Mateo County and beyond since 1969. Part of the San Mateo Community College District, Skyline College strives to inspire a global and diverse community of learners to achieve intellectual, cultural, social, economic and personal fulfillment.

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