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Small Animal Massage Practitioner Certification Program at Brookdale

Brookdale Community College has extended registration for a 200-hour certification program for Small Animal Massage Practitioner (SAMP) until Feb. 17.

Instruction will focus on cats and dogs while other small animals will be discussed.

The program is appropriate for individuals interested in entering the growing pet services industry as well as dog groomers and veterinary technicians. Professional dog sitters and walkers, as well as dog lovers interested in starting their own business will also benefit by having this certification.

Instructor Lola Michelin founded the Northwest School of Animal Massage in 2001 following years of successful practice in massage for horses, dogs and people. She has over 20 years of experience in the veterinarian and zoological fields.

Six areas are covered in the training: animal behavior and handling, anatomy and physiology, kinesiology, massage techniques and practices, first aid and pathology. Individuals who successfully complete the program are awarded the SAMP Certificate of Achievement from the Northwest School of Animal Massage.

The SAMP Certification program is a two part program. Part one is a two-to-three month self-paced online/distance education program. Part two is a week-long, hands-on instructor-led program of 40 hours in classroom at the Lincroft and 10 hours home study.

The first part must be completed before starting the second part of the program and students generally complete the first part in two to three months. The second part which is a total of 50 hours meets May 14-18, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. at the Lincroft main campus.

The program cost is \$2,020. For complete information, including testing, assignments, certification, registration and refund information, visit www.brookdalecc.edu/petmassage.