

## Former COCC Massage Program Founder Opens Massage School

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Former founder and director of the COCC Massage Therapy Program Deby Grant-Bowman and partner Jim Parker LMT/AAS Massage, are opening the Sage School Of Massage & Healing Arts on October 9, 2006, a private, state-of-the-art school offering a complete massage therapy licensing program. The program offers manageable schedules, 750-hour integrated curriculum, educational loans, an evening program and job placement program. There will be private parking for every student. The program is licensed by the Oregon Department of Education and approved by the Oregon Board of Massage. "Sage School of Massage & Healing Arts will deliver an integrated curriculum that maximizes student learning in the practice of therapeutic massage," said Grant-Bowman. "Our goal is that every student fulfills his/her dreams and aspirations for a thriving massage therapy career. Jim Parker envisioned the need for graduates to have a job placement and mentoring program to teach them how to begin a successful practice. We will provide that and furnished office space," she added. According to Gina Lawrence, LMT and COCC graduate who works from Focal Point SalonSpa in Bend, "Deby was easily approachable, well-informed, communicative and a great director at COCC; I still call her for advice. I owe much of the success of my private practice to her." Students can register now on-line for classes at [www.sageschoolofmassage.com](http://www.sageschoolofmassage.com) For more information call Deby Grant-Bowman at 541-419-5659. The Sage School of Massage & Healing Arts is located at 369 NE Revere, Suite B in Bend, Oregon (between 3rd and 4th).

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