**Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation (COMTA)**

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**PROFILE OF ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION**

**Accreditor types:** Programmatic

**Recognition Status:** Recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education

**Range of Accreditation Activity:** Specialized in Massage Therapy/Bodywork and Esthetics - Institutional and Programmatic

**International Accreditation Activity:**
- n/a Non-U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S.
- U.S. institutions or programs operating outside the U.S.
- No Organization evaluates credentials or degrees from outside the U.S.

**Program Countries**

Costa Rica

**Sponsoring Organization:** n/a

**Composition of Decision-Making Body:**
The Commission consists of at least ten, but not more than thirteen Commissioners. There are at least two Commissioners who are educators and at least two who are practitioners (one in massage/bodywork and one in esthetics) within the Commission’s scope of recognition; two administrators of programs or institutions within the Commission’s scope of recognition; one employer of practitioners within the Commission’s scope of recognition; one Commissioner from the regulatory community with oversight of practitioners within the Commission’s scope of authority; at least two public members.

340,000 Operating Budget for Accrediting Unit Only

n/a Direct support from any sponsoring organization

n/a In-kind support from any sponsoring organization

**Employees:** 1 Full-time 2 Part-time

**Volunteers:** 35 – served 2020-2021

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**PROFILE OF ACCREDITED PROGRAMS**

**2020-2021**

**n/a Degree-Granting:**

**n/a Non-Degree-Granting:**

**n/a Public**

**n/a Private Nonprofit**

**n/a Private For-Profit**

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**PROFILE OF ACCREDITATION ACTIVITIES**

**2020-2021**

**Frequency of Comprehensive Reviews and Required Follow-Up:** Every 7 years.

**Frequency of Comprehensive Review of Accreditation Standards:** Every 7 years.

**Summary of Formal Actions 2020-2021**

- n/a Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Granted
- n/a Initial Candidacy or Preaccreditation Denied
- 15 Initial Accreditation Granted
- n/a Initial Accreditation Denied
- 8 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review
- 1 Accreditation Continued Following Comprehensive Review with Required Follow-up
- 1 Notice or Warning
- 1 Probation
- 1 Show Cause
- 1 Accreditation Terminated or Removed
- 0 Actions under Appeal
- n/a Other

**Summary of Additional Actions**

- 6 Substantive Changes Reviewed
- 23 Site Visits
- 3 Voluntary Discontinuance or Expiration of Accreditation