

Course Number/Title: MT140 Ethics & Business Practices for Therapeutic Massage

Department: Health Sciences

Required Text: Ethics of Touch by Cherie Sohnen-Moe

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Course Placement: 1st semester

Year: Fall 2012

Credit Hours: Two/2

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Prerequisite: Acceptance into MT Program

RATIONALE

This course is a necessary background for any successful massage therapy practice providing training in professionalism, documentation and a foundation for appropriate outcomes to ethical dilemmas.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will teach the basics needed for:

1. Being one's own employer
2. Proper documentation needed for meeting all state, insurance and health field requirements
3. Professional ethics vs. situational ethics with case scenarios will be presented and addressed by students

COURSE OUTLINE

See attached.

COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- A. Students will be able to do a client interview and document the data
- B. Students will be able to document the therapy given
- C. Students will be able to demonstrate a working knowledge of the basics required to be in business for oneself
- D. Demonstrate an ability to resolve professional, moral and ethical dilemmas within the scope of practice (as evidenced by #2 below as well as active role-play).

Objectives will be evidenced by:

1. Passing grades on quizzes and exams
2. A passing grade on an ethical position paper
3. A passing grade on a mock business portfolio

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION

This course is a combination of lecture and discussion. A Position Paper will be required.

METHOD OF EVALUATION

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| 1. Class Participation (including quizzes & tests) | 80% |
| 2. Final Exam | 20% |

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Reading of all assigned material & class participation in discussion
2. The taking of all quizzes & tests
3. The taking of the final exam

ASSIGNMENT POLICY

All assignments are to be completed prior to the beginning of the class for which they are assigned thus preparing the student to actively engage in discussion. The class participation grade is inextricably linked to this preparation. Position Papers and Portfolios will lose a letter grade for every class period they are late.

TEST POLICY

1. Up to 2 make up quizzes will be allowed with valid reason determined by instructor.
2. There is NO make up for the final exam

ATTENDANCE POLICY

1. Students are required to attend all classes. Absences will deduct from the participation score.
2. A student later than 10 minutes will be asked to leave.
3. Repeated tardiness or absenteeism will result in student being dropped from class.
4. Cell phones must be TURNED OFF during class time. The breaking of this rule will result in the student being asked to leave.
5. Students are required to come to class in CLEAN & MODEST clothing as well as appropriate grooming.

Academic Integrity

Colby Community College defines academic integrity as learning that leads to the development of knowledge and/or skills without any form of cheating or plagiarism. This learning requires respect for Colby's institutional values of quality, service and integrity. All Colby Community College students, faculty, staff, and administrators are responsible for upholding academic integrity.

Cheating is giving, receiving, or using unauthorized help on individual and group academic exercises such as papers, quizzes, tests, and presentations through any delivery system in any learning environment. This includes impersonating another student, sharing content without authorization, fabricating data, and altering academic documents, including records, with or without the use of personal and college electronic devices.

Plagiarism is representing or turning in someone else's work without proper citation of the source. This includes unacknowledged paraphrase, quotation, or complete use of someone else's work in any form. It also includes citing work that is not used and taking credit for a group project without contributing to it. The following procedure will be used for students who violate the policy:

- First Offense – Student will receive a zero for the assignment and the student will be reported to the Dean of Academic Affairs.
- Second Offense – The student will be reported to the Dean of Academic Affairs and removed from the class.
- Third Offense – The student will be reported to the Dean of Academic Affairs and dismissed from the college.

Any questions about this policy may be referred to the Dean of Academic Affairs.

SYLLABUS INFORMATION DISCLAIMER

I reserve the right to change any information contained in this document, when necessary, with adequate notice given to the student. Notice shall be given in the classroom during class. No other notice is required. It is the students' responsibility to stay current with any changes, modifications, adjustments or amendments that are made to this document.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, it is the responsibility of each student with a disability to notify the college of his/her disability and to request accommodation. If a member of the class has a documented learning disability or a physical disability and needs special accommodations, he/she should contact Student Support Services, which is located in the Student Union.

EQUIPMENT

None

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

To be determined