

## STUDENT CODE OF ETHICS

Below is a **Student Code of Ethics** you must follow while participating in our program:

1. Do not come to class under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
2. Represent yourself as a student, and not a professional, until you receive a Massage Practitioner certificate, Massage Therapist certificate, or Certificate of Achievement or Associate degree in Massage Therapy.
3. Do not engage in sexual misconduct—which includes sexual harassment and sexual assault—and report all incidents of such behavior. Claims of sexual misconduct will result in the student who is the alleged perpetrator being suspended from class for the day of the suspension and the day following. The student also will be directed to report to the Vice President of Student Services and may be expelled from MPC. Victims of sexual misconduct may file a police report with the Monterey Police Department which could result in legal action against the perpetrator.

Sexual harassment is unlawful discrimination in the form of unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature and includes but is not limited to:

- a. Making unsolicited written, verbal, physical, and/or visual contacts with sexual overtones. Examples of sexual harassment in written form include suggestive or obscene letters, notes, and invitations. Examples of verbal sexual harassment include leering, gestures, and display of nudity, sexually aggressive objects or images. An example of physical sexual harassment is touching any area of the body another student does not want touched.
- b. Continuing to express sexual interest after being informed that the interest is unwelcome.
- c. Making reprisals, threats of reprisal, or implied threats of reprisal following a rebuff of harassing behavior.
- d. Engaging in explicit or implicit coercive sexual behavior within the educational environment that is used to control, influence, or affect the educational opportunities, grades, and/or learning environment of a student.
- e. Offering favors or educational benefits, such as grades, favorable assignments, recommendations, etc., in exchange for sexual favors.