

## **American Council of Hypnotist Examiners Code of Ethics**

As a Hypnotherapist holding a Certification from the American Council of Hypnotist Examiners, I commit myself to conduct my professional relationships in accord with the Code of Ethics and subscribe to the following statements:

- I regard as my primary obligation the welfare if the individual or group served.
- I will not discriminate because of race, color, religion, age, sex, or national ancestry and in my job capacity will work to prevent and eliminate such discrimination in rendering service, in work assignments, and in employment practices.
- I give precedence to my professional responsibility over my personal interests.
- I hold myself responsible for the quality and extent of the service I perform.
- I respect the privacy of the people I serve.
- I respect the rights, desires, and needs of my clients at all times.
- I use in a responsible manner information gained in professional relationships.
- I treat with respect the findings, views, and actions of colleagues and use appropriate channels to express judgment on these matters.
- I practice hypnotherapy within the recognized knowledge and competence of the profession.
- I recognize my professional responsibility to add my ideas and findings to the body of hypnotism knowledge and practice.
- I accept responsibility to help protect the community against unethical practice by any individuals or organizations engaged in hypnotic services.
- I distinguish clearly, in public, between my statements and actions as an individual and as a representative of an organization.
- I support the principle that professional practice requires professional education and continuing education.
- I teach self-hypnosis to my clients/students whenever possible.
- I contribute my knowledge, skills and support to programs of human welfare.
- I agree that intimate social contact with clients is forbidden for a period of two years from the client's final session.

I understand that the maintenance of high ethical standards by the American Council of Hypnotists Examiners (A.C.H.E.) is an important support to the professional standing of all Hypnotherapists. I agree to conduct my practice and all professional interactions in strict accordance with the Code of Ethics as defined now or in the future. I also agree to conduct my practice and all professional interactions in strict accordance with A.C.H.E. rules and regulations promulgated now or in the future. By accepting my Certification, I consent to the authority and jurisdiction of the A.C.H.E. to promulgate such rules and regulations, as it may from time to time deem necessary and to take such action, including legal, as it deems necessary to enforce them.

If I am charged with an ethics violation, I understand that an investigation may be conducted upon receipt of a written complaint signed by the person against whom the wrong is alleged. When an allegation of misconduct is being investigated I will be given an opportunity to respond to the Ethics Committee. I understand that my certification could be suspended for a specific period of time or revoked. In any case, I agree to hold American Council of Hypnotist Examiners harmless for any actions it may take to guard against unethical practices or to enforce the rules and regulations.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN WITH YOUR APPLICATION**