

Approved Provider Code of Ethics

NCBTMB Approved Providers and applicants for Approved Provider status shall act in a manner that justifies professional trust and confidence, enhances the education of continuing education student, and safeguards the interest of each individual in the classroom. Approved Providers and applicants for Approved Provider status will:

- I. Have a sincere commitment to provide the highest quality of education to those who seek their professional services.
- II. Represent their qualifications honestly, including education and professional affiliations, and provide instruction for only those courses that they are qualified to teach.
- III. Accurately inform students and the profession of the scope and limitations of their continuing education courses.
- IV. Acknowledge the limitations of and contraindications for massage and bodywork in each specific modality.
- V. Consistently maintain and improve professional knowledge and competence, striving for professional excellence through regular assessment of personal and professional strengths and weaknesses and through student evaluations and continued education training.
- VI. Conduct their business and professional activities with honesty and integrity, and respect the inherent worth of all persons.
- VII. Refuse to unjustly discriminate against students.
- VIII. Safeguard the confidentiality of all student information, unless disclosure is requested by the student in writing, is medically necessary, is required by law, or necessary for the protection of the public.
- IX. Provide draping and treatment in a way that ensures the safety, comfort and privacy of all students.
- X. Refrain, under all circumstances, from initiating or engaging in any sexual conduct, sexual activities, or sexualizing behavior involving a student, even if the student attempts to sexualize the relationship unless a pre-existing relationship exists between an Approved Provider and the student prior to the student's class attendance.
- XI. Avoid any interest, activity or influence which might be in conflict with the Approved Provider's obligation to act in the best interests of students or the profession.
- XII. Respect the student's boundaries with regard to privacy, disclosure, exposure, emotional expression, beliefs and the student's reasonable expectations of professional behavior. Approved Providers will respect the student's autonomy.



- XIII. Refuse any gifts or benefits that are intended to influence grades, decisions or attendance, or that are purely for personal gain.
- XIV. Follow the NCBTMB Approved Provider Standards of Practice, this Approved Provider Code of Ethics, and all policies, procedures, guidelines, regulations, codes, and requirements promulgated by the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork.