

Healing Touch Program Scope of Practice

PURPOSE

This Scope of Practice statement defines four levels of Healing Touch providers and general practice guidelines.

GENERAL STATEMENTS THAT APPLY TO ALL DEFINED LEVELS OF PRACTICE

Code of Ethics

When offering a Healing Touch session, students and practitioners agree to follow the HTP Code of Ethics and abide by all applicable local, state and national laws governing their services. Healing Touch providers do not diagnose, prescribe or treat medical disorders, and disclose this using clear language. For example, using the terms client, not patient; clear and balance the energy system, not cure; assess and treat the human energy system, not diagnose medical conditions; recommend, not prescribe; etc.

Providers make referrals to other health care professionals as appropriate and at all times, respect the professional status of other health care practitioners.

Informed Consent

All Healing Touch providers are encouraged to develop and use an informed consent document when providing a Healing Touch session. Healing Touch providers who administer care through a health care facility are required to operate under the facility's informed consent policy.

Session Documentation

Starting from Level 2 course completion, all providers are encouraged to use standardized Intake and Session

Documentation forms whenever possible. Providers acknowledge that client information is considered confidential and will therefore follow privacy regulations for documentation, HIPAA regulations and confidentiality policies that apply for their location or work place. Providers understand exceptions that apply to client confidentiality.

License to Touch

Providers are expected to understand and comply with the laws regarding touch that apply in their area. Practitioners who hold a professional license are expected to understand how touch either is or is not included or restricted in their scope of practice and comply accordingly.

Liability/Malpractice Insurance

It is expected that providers will carry liability/malpractice insurance according to state, federal and professional laws to protect themselves and clients.

Charging for a Session

It is recommended that until a provider has completed the Healing Touch Program core curriculum (Levels 1 through 5), it is not appropriate to charge a full price for a standalone Healing Touch session. After completing the core curriculum or achieving the Healing Touch Certified Practitioner credential, charging a full price is encouraged. Providers who are Students of Healing Touch may consider sliding scale fees as well as donations for sessions based on their level of skill.

DEFINED LEVELS OF PRACTICE

I. Student of Healing Touch

Students who have received a Healing Touch Program Certificate of Completion for a Level 1, 2 or 3 class. They may offer sessions to friends, family, community and potentially a client population if already a practicing health care or licensed professional, and based on their understanding and application of the Healing Touch coursework they have completed.

II. Healing Touch Practitioner Apprentice (HTP-A)

Students who have received a Healing Touch Program Certificate of Completion for Level 4. HTP-As are expected to be in a professional mentorship with a Healing Touch Program approved mentor as they work toward completing the requirements to attend Level 5.

III. Healing Touch Practitioner (HTP)

Students who have received a Healing Touch Program Certificate of Completion for Level 5 and a Healing Touch Program Certificate of Course Completion. This signifies completion of the core curriculum and is required to apply for practitioner certification.

IV. Healing Touch Certified Practitioner (HTCP)

A Healing Touch Practitioner who has met the certification criteria and been approved by the Healing Touch Certification Governing Committee. Renewal of practitioner certification is required every five years.

HEALING TOUCH EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Healing Touch Program curriculum is a sequential five-level education program in energy-based therapy that progresses from beginning to advanced practice. Healing Touch Program is accredited as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

In working toward program completion, the Healing Touch student undergoes a rigorous and comprehensive training that includes a minimum of 114 hours of standardized curriculum taught by a Healing Touch Certified Instructor and mentorship with an approved mentor. In addition, the program philosophy encourages the developing practitioner to enhance skills and knowledge through recommended reading, self-care, networking, support groups and through practicing Healing Touch. There is a strong commitment to personal growth and an increased knowledge of holistic health principles throughout the curriculum.