

## Code of Ethics for NSBTM-Accredited Programs

The NSBTM-accredited Certified Therapeutic Musician training program agrees to teach, enforce, and/or abide by the following principles:

1. *Admissions*: When a student applies for admission, the program provides a syllabus of course offerings and a complete list of requirements for graduation, a notice of nondiscrimination, policies outlining the students' rights and responsibilities, disclaimers, tuition fees, and refund policies. A disclosure will be made to students at the time of admission about any financial reimbursement that the program receives from any facility for services provided by therapeutic musician students / interns.
2. *Qualifications*: The qualifications, titles, and professional affiliation(s) of representatives of the program will be presented accurately. If any of the aforementioned information is referred to incorrectly, appropriate steps will be taken to correct any misrepresentation.
3. *Respect*: The program will respect the rights of others to hold diverse values, attitudes, cultural traditions, musical preferences, and opinions. The program will instruct its students that proselytizing any personal beliefs during a therapeutic music session is unacceptable and unethical.
4. *Practice*: The program will practice with integrity, honesty, fairness, and respect for others. It will not engage in any type of discriminatory or exploitive relationship(s). Any serious ethical violations observed will be reported to the appropriate agency or persons.
5. *Confidentiality*: All patient information and records, and all information observed or shared in the course of student instruction and/or clinical practicum will be held as confidential according to Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule requirements.
6. *Public Statements*: The program will release public statements that are truthful and objective and will protect the proprietary interests of patients and professional colleagues.
7. *Self-Interest*: The program will avoid actions, which promote self-interest at the expense of the profession, and will uphold the standards of any employers/contractors with honor and dignity.

8. *Corrective Action*: The program has a disciplinary policy and procedure that is fair to both the student and the program. A grievance procedure is in place.
9. *Camaraderie*: The program will work cooperatively with other certified therapeutic musician training programs accredited by the NSBTM for the advancement of the profession. The program will not knowingly damage the professional reputation or practice of other NSBTM-accredited certified therapeutic music training programs.

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