

IHTC, LLC. Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics

The International Hypnotism Training Consultants, LLC requires its members to conform to the following ethical principles, and shall hold members accountable for any departure from these principles, which may include revocation of membership.

A. Client Welfare: Members shall make the physical and mental well-being of each client a prime consideration.

B. Client Safety: Members shall not engage in verbal, physical or sexual abuse of any client.

C. Practice Limits: Members shall use hypnotism strictly within the limits of their training and competence and in conformity to the laws of their state.

D. Advertising: Members shall be truthful in their advertising. This means no promise of permanence or reference to psychological terms.

E. Credentials: Members shall always be honest about the nature of their titles and degrees when referring to them to the general public, the media, and within the confines of our profession.

F. Referred Practice: Members shall engage in hypnosis work with a client regarding a medical or mental disease only on written referral from an appropriately licensed medical or mental health professional, except when otherwise provided for by state law.

G. Reasonable Practice: Members shall withhold non-referred hypnosis services if a client's behavior, appearance or statements would lead a reasonable person to believe that the client should be evaluated by a licensed health care professional. Members shall provide services to such clients only after evaluation and with the approval of the licensed health care professional.

H. Colleagues: Members shall treat hypnotist colleagues without public defamation. IHTC hypnotists will practice outside of a 150 mile range of other IHTC centers.

Record Keeping: Members shall establish and maintain proper records necessary to a professional practice. This means video, audio and written testimonial of clients with signed notarized consent to use in full or part to further the standards of practice in the hypnosis profession. All clients will be seen a minimum of 3 times to insure accountability by the hypnotist and success of the client. Testimonials used in advertising will be current within 1 year of ad used.

Scope of Practice: Members shall use hypnotism with clients to motivate them to eliminate negative or unwanted habits.

Except where state law provides otherwise, members shall use hypnotism with clients regarding a medical or mental disease only on written referral from a licensed medical or mental health professional.

Titles of Practice: Members shall hold their hypnotism services out to the public using only those titles earned and approved by the International Hypnosis Training Consultants Schools.

Certified Hypnotist, Consulting Hypnotist

Certified Instructor (for persons who are recognized by the IHTC,LLC. Executive board as a School Owner)

Terminology: Unless qualified to do so by another credential, members shall avoid using the language of psychopathology or medicine when working with clients, except on referral from a licensed medical or mental health professional.

Public Hypnotism: Demonstrational hypnotism shall always be presented in a tasteful manner that is considerate of the individuals who have volunteered to participate in a public demonstration. Individuals participating in such demonstrations shall be treated with courtesy and respect.

Age-regression and Forensic Hypnotism: Age-regression and forensic hypnotism shall be used only by those who have had additional training in these specific fields of study when all other forms of change work have been exhausted.

Imagery: Frightening, shocking, obscene, inappropriately sexually suggestive, degrading or humiliating imagery shall never be used with a hypnotized client.

Claims: Members shall not disseminate false or exaggerated claims regarding hypnotism, but shall attempt whenever possible to inform and educate the public with a true perspective of hypnotism. Members shall make only those specific claims for the effectiveness of hypnotism as can be justified by outcomes data. Members shall publicly maintain a professional demeanor toward other professions expressing divergent views on hypnotism.

Advertising: All advertising shall be factually presented in a professional and ethical way consistent with FCC Regulation. Members shall advertise services and capabilities as hypnotists in conjunction with other specialties, occupations, vocations, arts or professions only if duly trained, properly qualified and professionally recognized in those fields. All ads will abide with Federal Trade Commission standards.

Education: Schools of instruction now existing and those to be established in the future shall provide a full curriculum consisting of the theory, practice and applications of hypnotism, instruction and supervised practice in hypnotic methodology, the possibilities and limitations of hypnotism, with thorough instruction on the Ethics and Standards of our profession as set forth herein. All curricula used at McFall schools recognized by the International Hypnotist Training Consultants shall be approved by the IHTC Executive Board. Instructors at such schools are expected to be approved and certified by the IHTC.

Good Standing: IHTC members maintain continuing education at IHTC approved schools and are of high moral character. Members conduct themselves and their practice of hypnotism in a professional and ethical manner and meet their financial dues obligation shall be considered as members in good standing of the IHTC.

Recommendations: When a member recommends a client consult a colleague or health care professional, the member shall, whenever possible, provide the client with a list of three recommended names.

Client Acceptance: All IHTC trained hypnotists will provide a free screening before accepting an individual as their client or giving price quote.

IHTC Certified Hypnotist

printed name

Date

Instructor: Heather Merrill, CH, CI of NCSH