



AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE FORM

I hereby authorize the Addiction Professionals Certification Board, Inc. to make any inquiry of any agency, facility, organization or individual for any and all additional information which might be necessary to fully and properly evaluate my application for the Certified Clinical Supervisor). I hereby release and hold harmless the Addiction Professionals Certification Board, Inc., its Board of Directors, its Officers, its employees, servants, and agents from any and all manner of suits, actions, claims, and judgments which might arise from such efforts to further document the statements and claims I have made in this application or in the processing or consideration of same.

I further acknowledge, understand, and agree that any falsification or misrepresentation of information by myself or others regarding experience and/or qualifications will be sufficient reason for disapproval of my application or for withdrawal of the credential at a later date. I understand that evaluations on me which are submitted by supervisors and/or colleagues are confidential. I hereby relinquish my right to review these evaluations. I also affirm that I conform to the Ethical Standards as described in the requirements for credentialing (on following pages).

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____ WITNESS _____

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

I hereby apply for certification to the Addiction Professionals Certification Board, Inc. I understand that approval of my application depends upon my successfully completing the assessment of competency as established by the Board, including submission of all required references and successful completion of a 300 hour practicum in an approved treatment facility. I also understand that for research and statistical purposes only, the data from this application may be used in a non-identifying manner. I also understand this credential is designed to recognize individuals working with chemically dependent clients and is not restricted to primary alcohol/drug counselors.

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DATE _____ WITNESS _____

I have read and agree to abide by the ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR ASSOCIATE PREVENTION SPECIALISTS standards on the following pages:

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ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR ASSOCIATE PREVENTION SPECIALISTS (APSS)

The Addiction Professionals Certification Board, Inc. (APCB, Inc.) wishes to thank the National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADAC) for the development of these Ethical Standards and for permission to use this amended version.

Specific Principles:

Principle 1: Non-Discrimination: The ASSOCIATE PREVENTION SPECIALIST (APS) shall not discriminate against clients or professionals based on race, religion, age, gender, disability, national ancestry, sexual orientation, or economic condition.

- A. The ASSOCIATE PREVENTION SPECIALIST shall avoid bringing personal or professional issues into the counseling relationship. Through an awareness of the impact of stereotyping and discrimination, the APS guards the individual rights and personal dignity of clients.
- B. The APS shall be knowledgeable about disabling conditions, demonstrate empathy and personal emotional comfort in interactions with clients with disabilities, and make available physical, sensory, and cognitive accommodations that allow clients with disabilities to receive services.

Principle 2: Responsibility: The ASSOCIATE PREVENTION SPECIALIST (APS) shall espouse objectivity and integrity, and maintain the highest standards in the services the member offers.

- A. The APS shall maintain respect for institutional policies and management functions of the agencies and institutions within which the services are being performed, but will take initiative toward improving such policies when it will better serve the interest of the client.
- B. The APS, as educator, has primary obligation to help others acquire knowledge and skills in dealing with the disease of alcoholism and drug abuse.
- C. The APS who supervises others accepts the obligation to facilitate further professional development of these individuals by providing accurate and current information, timely evaluations, and constructive consultation.
- D. The APS who is aware of unethical conduct or of unprofessional modes of practice shall report such inappropriate behavior to the appropriate authority.

Principle 3: Competency: The ASSOCIATE PREVENTION SPECIALIST (APS) shall recognize that the profession is founded on national standards of competency which promote the best interests of society, of the client, of the member and of the professional as a whole. The APS shall recognize the need for ongoing education as a component of professional competency.

- A. The APS shall recognize boundaries and limitations of their competencies and not offer services or use techniques outside of these professional competencies.
- B. The APS shall recognize the effect of impairment on professional performance and shall be willing to seek appropriate treatment for oneself or for a colleague. The APS shall support peer assistance programs in this respect.

Principle 4: Legal and Moral Standards: The APS shall uphold the legal and accepted moral codes which pertain to professional conduct.

- A. The APS shall be fully cognizant of all federal and New Jersey laws governing the practice of alcoholism and drug abuse counseling.
- B. The APS shall not claim either directly or by implication, professional qualifications/affiliations that they do not possess.
- C. The APS shall ensure that products or services associated with or provided by the APS or means of teaching, demonstration, publications or other types of media meet the ethical standards of this code.

Principle 5: Public Statements: The APS shall honestly respect the limits of present knowledge in public statements concerning alcoholism and drug abuse.

- A. The APS, in making statements to clients, other professionals, and the general public shall state as fact only those matters which have been empirically validated as fact. All other opinions, speculations, and conjecture concerning the nature of alcoholism and drug abuse, its natural history, its treatment or any other matters which touch on the subject of alcoholism and drug abuse shall be represented as less than scientifically validated.
- B. The APS shall acknowledge and accurately report the substantiation and support for statements made concerning the nature of alcoholism and drug abuse, its natural history, and its treatment. Such acknowledgement should extend to the source of the information and reliability of the method by which it was derived.

Principle 6: Publication Credit: The APS shall assign the credit to all who have contributed to the published material and for the work upon which the publication is based.

- A. The APS shall recognize joint authorship and major contributions of a professional nature made by one or more persons to a common project. The author who has made the principal contribution to a publication must be identified as first author.
- B. The APS shall acknowledge in footnotes or in an introductory statement minor contributions of a professional nature, extensive clerical or similar assistance and other minor contributions.
- C. The APS shall in no way violate the copyright of anyone by reproducing material in any form whatsoever, except in those ways which are allowed under the copyright laws. This involves direct violation of copyright as well as the passive assent to the violation of copyright by others.

Principle 7: Client Welfare: The APS shall promote the production of the public health, safety, and welfare and the best interest of the client as a primary guide in determining the conduct of all APS's.

- A. The APS shall disclose their code of ethics, professional loyalties, and responsibilities to all clients.
- B. The APS shall terminate counseling or consulting relationship when it is reasonably clear that the client is not benefiting from the relationship.
- C. The APS shall hold the welfare of the client paramount when making any decisions or recommendations concerning referral, treatment procedures, or termination of treatment.
- D. The APS shall not use or encourage a client's participation in any demonstration, research or other non-treatment activities when such participation would have potential harmful consequences for the client or when the client is not fully informed.
- E. The APS shall take care to provide services in an environment which will ensure the privacy and safety of the client at all times and ensures the delivery of safe and private services.

Principle 8: Confidentiality: The APS working in the best interest of the client shall embrace, as a primary obligation, the duty of protecting client's rights under confidentiality and shall not disclose confidential information acquired in teaching, practice or investigation without appropriately executed consent.

- A. The APS shall provide the client his/her rights regarding confidentiality, in writing, as part of informing the client in any areas likely to affect the client's confidentiality. This includes the recording of the clinical interview, the use of material for insurance purposes, the use of material for training or observation by another party.
- B. The APS shall make appropriate provisions for the maintenance of confidentiality and the ultimate disposition of confidential records. The APS shall ensure that data obtained, including any form of electronic communication, are secured by the available security methodology. Data shall be limited to information that is necessary and appropriate to the services being provided and be accessible only to appropriate personnel.
- C. The APS shall adhere to all federal and New Jersey laws regarding confidentiality and the APS's responsibility to report clinical information in specific circumstances to the appropriate authorities.

APPLICANT'S RECOGNITION STATEMENT

The applicant identified above acknowledges that the applicant is seeking certification from the Addiction Professionals Certification Board, Inc. (hereinafter "The Board"). The applicant hereby recognizes and agrees as follows:

1. Applicant agrees to observe and abide by the Ethical Standards adopted by The Board as same may be amended from time to time. Applicant acknowledges that the present form of ethical standards attached hereto and that the applicant has read and understood same.
2. Applicant recognizes and agrees that any certification, or renewal thereof, granted by The Board to the applicant constitutes recognition by The Board that the applicant is qualified, based on the information before The Board, for the certification granted. Applicant recognizes and agrees that any certification, or renewal granted by The Board, does not constitute a property right or interest of the applicant. The applicant specifically recognizes and agrees that the certification or renewal is specific to suspension, revocation or other limitation or condition in the discretion of The Board. The applicant specifically recognizes the authority of The Board to suspend, revoke or otherwise impose limitations, restrictions and conditions on any certification granted.

Applicant agrees to cooperate in connection with any investigation conducted by The Board with respect to the applicant's certification, and continued qualification to hold same. The applicant further agrees that the applicant's failure to cooperate with any such investigation (a) shall in itself constitute an ethical violation for which discipline may be imposed and (b) may be considered by The Board as an admission of wrongdoing.