



Healing Touch Certification

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Updates to the Certification Process

This is an update of activities and changes in the structure and process of Healing Touch Certification to come into alignment with the requirements for accreditation.

National Accreditation

Healing Touch Program and Healing Touch Certification, consultants and many dedicated volunteers have been working on the process of becoming qualified to apply for national accreditation of the Healing Touch Certified Practitioner (HTCP) credential from the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). The Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE) (formerly the National Organization for Competency Assurance NOCA) is the membership body of NCCA.

The updates in this document are an overview of some of the major changes to the certification process for meeting the NCCA standards of accreditation. The primary changes are modifying and formalizing the governing structure, and adding an exam as part of the certification process.

Formation of the Healing Touch Certification Governing Committee

The Healing Touch Certification Governing Committee is a body made up primarily of experienced Healing Touch Certified Practitioners, and is responsible for making decisions regarding all aspects of the certification program such as eligibility standards; development, administration, and scoring of assessment instruments; selection of personnel; and operational processes involved in certification of HTCP candidates.

The Committee was convened July 19, 2011 and consists of Sharon Scandrett-Hibdon Chair, Barbara Starke Vice-Chair, Ruthie Hall Kunz – public member, Billy Courtney, Mary Sinclair, and Tim McConville. Lisa Gordon and Cynthia Hutchison are non-voting members of the Committee.

Structure Change

Previously the Certification Board and Review Panel consisted of mostly the same members, without a public member, but they were filling two separate roles. They were determining the policies and standards for certification, and were separately reviewing individual certification packets. Now those duties are clearly separated into the Governing Committee, which makes the policy and standards decisions, and the Certification Review Panel which reads and evaluates the individual certification packets to those standards.

Changes coming to the Certification and Certification Renewal Requirements

A pilot test is going to be used to validate the questions for the exam. We are currently “pre-testing” the Pilot to make sure everything goes well. The Pilot test will become available on or before October 10, 2011 and will continue at least through December 31, 2011, and thereafter until there have been a sufficient number of tests submitted for a statistically significant evaluation of the test process.

Entry Level Proficiency Exam becomes an official certification requirement starting January 1, 2012.

The three-reported Self Care Modalities, the one year Mentorship, and the Case Study must have been completed within the two years prior to submitting the certification packet.

These changes will affect all packets submitted for the February 2012 deadline and after.

Quick Facts about the Exam and Accreditation:

- The pilot test is optional.
- The pilot test will cost less than the exam when it is implemented.
- The pilot test will contain more questions, and will allow proportionately more time.
- The pilot test can count to meet the HTCP's requirement for the test as long as the score among the questions that are ultimately on the exam is a passing score.
- The exam is to differentiate between an *entry level* HTCP and *non-trained* person.
- When the exam is implemented all current HTCPs will be grandfathered and will remain HTCPs, but will need to pass the HTCP Entry Level Exam before their next certification renewal.
- There will be a policy made to repeat the test in case someone fails.
- The exam will be multiple choice.
- The final exam will be 120 questions, the pilot test will be 180 questions.

The exam can be taken from any qualified proctor (available in many libraries and schools).

All of the information on this sheet is to the best of our knowledge at this time, but may vary slightly when it is written policy.

What is a Credential? A credential is an award recognizing the achievement or aspect of a person's background and used to indicate they are suitable for something. Once a student has met HTC's certification standards, HTC awards the credential, Healing Touch Certified Practitioner (HTCP).

What is Accreditation? It is a process whereby an official body gives recognition or authority to someone or something when identified standards have been met. For HTC, the HTCP credential will become accredited.

What is the difference between Accreditation and a Credential? Accreditation is an award that a professional certification organization can apply for to demonstrate that their certification program meets the standards defined by the accrediting authority/agency. A credential is the recognition that an individual earns by completing the requirements of a certification program.

Energy Medicine Specialists' Janna Moll and Dale Ferg have been instrumental in their consulting role to HTP on accreditation. EMS has supplied valuable guidance, which has shown us that pursuing accreditation is possible, and has helped us establish the foundation and framework from which we continue to work. We thank them for their continued support, though EMS is no longer consulting on the accreditation project with HTP at this time.