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Professional Certification in the Field of Energy Therapies Supports Integrative Care, Public Safety, Complementary Health Approaches and Further Validates the Field of Energy Healing Therapies.

SAN ANTONIO, TX (March 21, 2014)— In the U.S. we are seeing the increasing use of alternative medicine and complementary health approaches. Affordable Care Act (ACA), and the nation's most prestigious research institution, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) which has established an Office of National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) have shown that complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) has become a widely used form of healthcare. Energy therapies, a large part of the complementary health approaches, have been striving to validate their profession, standardize their skills, and make it safer and more accessible to the public. Now professionals who hold the Healing Touch Certified Practitioner (HTCP) credential, can proudly say that their certification is accredited by Washington based National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

As of January 31, 2014 the NCCA accredited the Healing Touch Program, Inc (HTP). Healing Touch Certified Practitioner (HTCP) credential for a five-year period expiring January 31, 2019, during its recent meeting. This accreditation brings value to practitioners by providing confidence that the credential represents the excellence of a high quality program. It insures employers that potential certified employees meet and demonstrate a widely accepted standard base of knowledge and skill. It demonstrates to the public accountability to maintain a set of standards in the field of Energy Medicine, and to create safe and excellent client care.

Healing Touch Program Certification has been in place since 1993 and is administered by an autonomous board, Healing Touch Certification (HTC). Healing Touch Certification is a professional certification organization acting in the public interest by establishing and enforcing education, examination, experience and ethics requirements for Healing Touch certification. Currently, 1,228 Healing Touch Certified Practitioners worldwide are certified to use the HTCP designation.

HTP and HTC received NCCA accreditation of its HTCP certification program by submitting an application demonstrating the program's compliance with the NCCA's Standards for the Accreditation of Certification Programs. NCCA is the accrediting body of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE) (formerly the National Organization for Competency Assurance).

HTP is the only exclusively energy medicine education program to have achieved any national accreditation of its credential at this time.

Healing Touch is a hands-on energy medicine therapy that is evidence-based, has a scientific and spiritual theoretical framework, and was established by holistic nurse, Janet Mentgen, in 1989. Healing Touch is a holistic therapy which has been integrated in many hospitals, hospices and health care facilities in North America, and has been taught in 32 countries.

HTP and HTC join more than 270 NCCA-accredited programs that are dedicated to public protection and excellence in certification and that certify individuals in a wide range of professions and occupations including nurses, financial professionals, respiratory therapists, counselors, emergency technicians, crane operators and more. Of ICE's more than 330 organizational members, over 120 of them have accredited programs.

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