



## THE THERAPEUTIC TOUCH NETWORK OF ONTARIO

### STATEMENT OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT FOR THE TEACHING OF THERAPEUTIC TOUCH

- I agree to teach Therapeutic Touch® in accordance with the generally accepted principles of Therapeutic Touch, as developed by Dolores Krieger, PhD, RN, and Dora Kunz and as outlined in the *Curriculum and Guidelines for Teaching Therapeutic Touch*.
- I agree to provide my services in a manner that respects student rights. I will encourage practitioners to perform Therapeutic Touch with respect, honour, and integrity. I will follow the mandatory curriculum and adhere to the *Statement of Ethics and Conduct for the Practice of Therapeutic Touch* as outlined in the *Curriculum and Guidelines for Teaching Therapeutic Touch*.
- I will impress on my students the concepts of confidentiality and informed consent.
- I will respect the diversity of all peoples and am committed to an organization free from all discrimination.
- I will ensure that my professional conduct is above reproach. I will not take physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, or financial advantage of my students.
- I will behave in a manner that reflects the philosophy of The Therapeutic Touch Network of Ontario (TTNO) and increases public trust in Therapeutic Touch.
- Confidential material may be revealed by me in an inquiry concerning a Therapeutic Touch teacher or practitioner, if requested by the ad hoc Quality Assurance Committee. This Committee will do its utmost to keep such information confidential, where feasible.
- When contracted for services, I will:
  - agree on and disclose a fee schedule for teaching, before contract commencement
  - agree on and disclose a fee schedule for work directly connected with the teaching (i.e., hours of service, research and administration), before such work begins
- In accordance with the *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act* (PIPEDA), I will keep all student information in a safe, secure, and private location. I will not share any information without written consent from the student. When student information is no longer needed, it will be shredded and destroyed, and/or deleted from my computer records.
- I agree to suspend service and seek appropriate intervention to alleviate any factor, condition or pressure that in any way affects my ability (physical, mental, or psychological) to deliver services.
- I will describe my education, training, experience, professional affiliations, competence, and nature of services in an honest and accurate manner.
- I will maintain and update my knowledge and skills in accordance with the *Curriculum and Guidelines for Teaching Therapeutic Touch*.
- I will not hold the TTNO responsible for any consequences resulting from my teaching of Therapeutic Touch. I am aware that decisions regarding insurance coverage and liability are left to my own discretion.
- If I become aware that the ethical code has been breached, I will report said breach in writing to the Board of the TTNO, with the understanding that, upon receipt of the report, an ad hoc Quality Assurance Committee will be formed according to the policy of the TTNO.
- Should the TTNO receive a complaint about my teaching or my conduct, I will be notified. If, after due process of review by the ad hoc Quality Assurance Committee, a mutually acceptable resolution of the complaint is not achieved, the TTNO will withdraw my name from the list of Recognized Teachers of The Therapeutic Touch Network of Ontario.