



# HEALING TOUCH PROGRAM ACCREDITATION

## WHAT DID HTC DO TO BE ACCREDITED?

Accrediting organizations create and use specific standards both to assure that programs meet threshold expectations of quality and to assure that they improve over time. In an over two year process, HTP documented that it met the 21 standards required by NCCA.

Key areas addressed:

- Purpose, Governance and Resources
- Responsibilities to Stakeholders
- Assessment Instruments
- Recertification
- Maintaining Accreditation

## WHY?

To increase the value, credibility and recognition of the HTP certification programs, the HTP CEO, Lisa Gordon formed the Certification Committee in 2011 to guide and strengthen the certification program through an accreditation process. Healing Touch Program and Healing Touch Certification, consultants and many dedicated volunteers participated in the process of achieving the standards for national accreditation of the Healing Touch Certified Practitioner (HTCP) credential.

## WHAT?

Accreditation is the process by which an education or certification program is evaluated against defined standards, and when in compliance with these standards, is awarded recognition by a third party. Accreditation demonstrates the program has been reviewed by a panel of impartial experts and it has been determined the program has met the stringent standards set by the credentialing community. It is a way of demonstrating that a program has achieved a standard of excellence.

## VALUE to stakeholders

**Certificants** – Provides confidence that the credential has value and the program is a quality program. Enhances the reputation of the credential.

**Employers** – Offers a seal of approval and increased confidence that potential employees meet a widely accepted standard of knowledge and skill.

**Public** – Shows accountability in maintaining standards in the field of Energy Medicine.

## WHO ACCREDITS CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS?



Established in 1977, the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE) is the leading international membership organization representing the credentialing community. ICE fulfills its mission through the delivery of education and training programs, in setting quality standards for credentialing and by providing accreditation services through its accreditation division, the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). Healing Touch Program credentials are the first Energy Medicine certifications to receive NCCA accreditation. For further information, please visit [www.credentialingexcellence.org](http://www.credentialingexcellence.org).

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## HEALING TOUCH CERTIFICATION (HTC)

A Healing Touch Practitioner that attains the credential of Healing Touch Certified Practitioner (HTCP) is dedicated to providing exceptional client care and her/his own self care through a commitment to constant lifelong learning and maintenance of the Certification credential. The certification process includes submission of a packet which reflects the applicant's knowledge base, professionalism and ability to safely, ethically and competently practice Healing Touch, and successful completion of the Healing Touch Certified Practitioner Entry Level Proficiency Exam. The process of Certification is to keep practitioners and instructors engaged in the current best practice within the field of Energy Medicine.

HTCP certification involves a rigorous process of study, testing, and peer-reviewed evaluation that is designed and administered by specialists in the area of Healing Touch as an Energy modality. Those being certified include nurses, healthcare professionals, and interested laypeople that have a desire to provide Healing Touch in a private practice, hospitals and healthcare settings.