

Healing Beyond Borders' Position on Credentialing & Licensure of Healing Touch (November 2023)

Healing Touch International, Inc., dba Healing Beyond Borders has long supported credentialing (certification) for **Healing Touch Practitioners (CHTPs) and Instructors (CHTIs)** that has been in place since 1993, as well as honoring the position that students and practitioners offer Healing Touch sessions within their Scope of Practice. ***We always work in collaboration and in equal partnership with the patient, facilitating their movement towards wholeness.*** We respect and honor the ancient sources of healing enfolded within our course of study as well as the rich framework of scientific and nursing process and framework that guides our practice. We also honor and welcome students and practitioners from all backgrounds and do not believe this work belongs to any profession.

Healing Beyond Borders has long supported [Safe Harbor Laws](#), which allow individuals to offer Healing Touch within their level and scope of training, and also practicing and adhering to our [Code of Ethics/Standards of Practice](#) to safeguard the public trust. We are not advocating for licensure for energy healers, imposition of licensure or credentialing of practitioners of other healing traditions, nor any further credentialing for our practitioners and instructors.

We adhere to the following tenet that, "***Each health system should be respected for the sources and the tools that it offers, while being challenged to prove its credibility.***" ~ Estby, S.N., Freel, M.I., Hart, L.K., Reese, J.L., Clow, T.J. (1994). A delphi study of the basic principles and corresponding care goals of holistic nursing practice, *Journal of Holistic Nursing*, Vol. 12 No. 4, December, 402-413. (Please see tables in Anderson, J. G., Anselme, L., & Hart, L. K. (2017). *Foundations and Practice of Healing Touch*. Lakewood, CO: Healing Beyond Borders, pp. 22-23).

For more information re: Healing Beyond Borders' position, please explore the following resources:

Healing Beyond Borders Resources

Our Textbook:

Anderson, J. G., Anselme, L., & Hart, L. K. (2017). **Legal Aspects of Biofield Therapy Practice, Practicum and Certification** in *Foundations and Practice of Healing Touch*. Lakewood, CO: Healing Beyond Borders.

Our Companion Text:

Freel, M.I. (2014) **Credentialing: The Valuing and Credibility of Our Work** in Wardell, D., Kagel, S., & Anselme, L. *Healing Touch: Enhancing life through energy therapy*. Bloomington, IN: iUniverse.

Healing Beyond Borders article on [Health Freedom Acts and Safe Harbor Laws](#)

Healing Beyond Borders [Scope of Practice Statement](#)

Healing Beyond Borders [Code of Ethics/Standards of Practice](#)

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