

**American Society of Clinical Hypnosis**  
**Application and Requirement Checklist**  
**Renewal of Approved Consultant in Clinical Hypnosis**

The following is a list of the materials to be submitted with your application for Renewal of Approved Consultant in Clinical Hypnosis. Please make sure that you have met each of the requirements presented on page 2 of the application and that documentation for each requirement is included with your application. Please return this form with your application.

- ❑ Completed application form.
- ❑ Non-Refundable application fee of \$65 for ASCH members or \$125 for non-members.
- ❑ Proof of membership in a professional society consistent with degree (e.g., AMA for physicians, ADA for dentists, APA for psychologists, etc.) Note: membership in ASCH or SCEH does not apply towards this requirement. If you are not currently a member of a professional organization, please provide a statement attesting to your eligibility for such membership.
- ❑ Official proof of licensure from the state or province in which you practice. A copy of the current valid license with an expiration date must accompany this application.
- ❑ Documentation of minimum of 20 hours of ASCH approved workshop training, obtained in the last three (3) years.
- ❑ Signed statement of agreement to comply with ASCH Code of Ethics (copy enclosed) and signed waiver of claim to confidentiality.

# **The American Society of Clinical Hypnosis Requirements for Renewal of Approved Consultant in Clinical Hypnosis**

## **I. Qualifications.**

The applicant must meet the following qualifications: An MD, DDS, DMD, DO, DPM, DC, PhD, PsyD, or an equivalent doctoral degree with psychology or speech-language pathology as the major field of study, or a masters degree in nursing, social work, psychology, marriage and family therapy, mental health counseling or in speech-language pathology from an accredited college or university; and membership in a professional society **other than** ASCH or SCEH consistent with his/her degree

## **II. Licensure**

- A. The Applicant shall hold a current valid state/provincial regulatory license for independent practice in one of the following disciplines: Medicine, Psychology, Dentistry, Podiatry, Nursing, Social Work, Mental Health Counseling or Marriage and Family Therapy.
- B. If such a regulatory system is not in effect in the state/province where the applicant practices, one of the following criteria shall be met:
  1. Listing in the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology.
  2. Certification by the Academy of Certified Social Workers or the National Board of Examiners in Clinical Social Work.
  3. Certification by the American Nurses Association or other equivalent national certifying body.
  4. Full Membership in the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.
  5. Certification by the National Board of Certified Counselors.

## **III. Clinical Hypnosis Workshop Training:**

The applicant shall have completed a minimum twenty hours of ASCH-approved education within the last three years.

All training must fit the guidelines published in the manual *Standards of Training* (ASCH Press, 1994). It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide with his or her application sufficient documentation to demonstrate that his or her training is compatible with these standards. All workshop training must be approved by the Standards of Training Committee for acceptance as comparable training.

## **IV. Documentation**

The following documentation shall be for review by the ASCH Certification Committee and will become the property of ASCH.

- A. Completed application for Renewal of ASCH Approved Consultant in Clinical Hypnosis along with the proper, non-refundable application fee (\$65 for members; \$125 for non-members).
- B. A copy of a current valid license or certification in one of the approved disciplines as outlined in Section II A.

- C. Official transcripts, attendance certificates curriculum or program transcripts as requested by the Certification Committee documenting 20 hours of ASCH-approved workshop training. Documentation of attendance and actual contact/CEU hours is required for all non-ASCH training.

## **V. Miscellaneous**

- A. All applicants for Renewal of Approved Consultant shall be required to comply with and sign a statement of agreement to comply with the ethical standards established by the American Society of Clinical Hypnosis as expressed in the ASCH Code of Ethics (a copy is enclosed).
- B. Upon approval by the Certification Committee, the successful applicant shall receive a certificate in recognition of having met the ASCH requirements for Certification in the area of clinical hypnosis. This certificate shall be subject to renewal every three years.
- C. ASCH Certification shall be noted in the ASCH Membership Directory for ASCH members.
- D. Violation of ethical standards or loss of qualifications may result in revocation of ASCH Certification.
- E. All protests and appeals are subject to review by the ASCH Executive Committee.

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Application for Renewal of Approved Consultant in Clinical Hypnosis**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Fill out all pages.
2. Applicant's signature must appear as designated on the final page of the application.
3. Applicant must arrange for submission of endorsement forms, transcripts and other supporting material.
4. Enclose an application fee of:  ASCH members \$65  non-members \$125

Indicate payment method:  check # \_\_\_\_\_ payable to **American Society of Clinical Hypnosis**  
(US funds only)

VISA  MasterCard

Card number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

3-4 digit Security Code (CV2 on back side of card) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Mail completed application packet to:

The American Society of Clinical Hypnosis  
Certification Processing  
140 N. Bloomingdale Road  
Bloomingdale, IL 60108-1017

**1. Contact Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Highest Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/PC: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (work): \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of application: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if this is a new address to where all ASCH communications should be sent.

**LIST ME IN THE REFERRAL DATABASE WITH THIS CONTACT INFORMATION**  Yes  No

**2. Member of :**  ASCH  SCEH  Not a member of either

**3. Do you hold Fellowship Status in ASCH?**

Yes  No

**4. Do you hold Diplomate status from?**

- Yes  No American Board of Psychological Hypnosis?
- Yes  No American Board of Medical Hypnosis?
- Yes  No American Board of Hypnosis in Dentistry?
- Yes  No American Hypnosis Board of Clinical Social Work?

**5. Professional Membership**

Please provide proof of current membership (e.g., membership card with expiration date) in a professional organization consistent with your degree (i.e., MD--AMA; MSW--NASW, etc.). A copy of the actual membership card or alternate form proof of membership must be included with this application. If you are not currently a member of a professional organization, please provide a statement attesting to your eligibility for such membership.

**6. Clinical Licensure:**

**A. State/Provincial Licensure:**

Please provide a copy of your current valid license with an expiration date.

**B. Alternate Credentials:**

If no state/provincial licensing is available in your state/province, and you are applying under the alternate criteria as specified in Section II-B on page 2, please provide a copy of the alternate credential.

**7. Clinical Hypnosis Training:**

Have you completed at least 20 hours ASCH approved continuing education work within the last three years?

- Yes       No

Please list all programs that you wish the ASCH Certification Committee to review in the table below. These programs may include training in any of the three following categories:

- A. ASCH Workshops Attended:** These include workshops sponsored by ASCH. Certificates of attendance should be included when possible.
- B. Non-ASCH Workshops Attended:** These include workshops sponsored by organizations other than ASCH, e.g.: Component Sections, academic courses, SCEH, ISH, APA Division 30, etc. **Certificates of attendance or other relevant documentation that verifies attendance and the number of actual contact hours/CEUs awarded must be included.**
- C. Additional Training (optional):** You may also list any additional training you would like the Certification Committee to consider. Certificates of attendance or other relevant documentation that verifies attendance and the number of actual contact/CEU hours awarded must be included.

Date	Sponsoring Organization	Location	Workshop	ASCH Approved?	CEUs Earned

**8. Validation of Review:** Acceptance of Renewal of Certification by ASCH connotes the acceptance by the applicant of the ASCH Code of Conduct, a copy of which has been reviewed by the applicant, as it may be amended in accordance with the ASCH By-Laws.

I agree to accept the ASCH Code of Conduct. I agree to have my name listed in relevant publications.

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Signature	Date	Title
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The foregoing information has been voluntarily supplied by the undersigned, with the understanding that it will be reviewed by the Certification Committee of ASCH and that, in the process of verification of the facts stated in the application, such facts may become known to third parties, and the undersigned expressly waives any claim to confidentiality of the material stated herein.

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Signature	Date
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I hereby agree that I am submitting this application voluntarily and that, if my application is not acted upon favorably, I will in no way seek to hold ASCH, or any of its officers, members, or agents responsible for action.

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Signature	Date
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# AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CLINICAL HYPNOSIS (ASCH) CODE OF CONDUCT

## **Introduction**

The ASCH Code of Conduct is comprised of two sections, Ethical Principles and Ethical Standards. The Ethical Principles serve as philosophical guidelines that help to structure a members' practice of hypnosis. The Ethical Standards serve as practical or applied guidelines for the members' practice.

Acceptance of membership in, or Certification by, ASCH commits the member or certified clinician to the Code of Conduct. For the purposes of this document, both ASCH members and those non-members certified by ASCH will be referred to as "members."

In subscribing to this Code, members are required to cooperate in its implementation and abide by any disciplinary rulings based upon this Code. Members should take adequate measures to discourage, prevent, expose, and correct unethical conduct of colleagues. Additionally, members should be equally available to defend and assist colleagues unjustly charged with unethical conduct.

The Code should not be used as an instrument to deprive any member of the opportunity or freedom to practice with complete professional integrity; nor should any disciplinary action be taken on the basis of this Code without maximum provision for safeguarding the rights of the member(s) affected.

## **Ethical Principles**

I. Competence: Members strive to attain the highest levels of professional competence.

A. members use hypnosis in the treatment of patients only within the bounds of their training and expertise; within their primary discipline; and within the context of a professional relationship;

1. A "professional relationship" is defined by the member's primary discipline and includes consultation or supervision of colleagues.

B. member's expertise is determined, in part, by their professional education, training, licensure, and experience;

C. members recognize, and are respectful of, any limitations to their expertise;

D. members strive to maintain current knowledge of research, issues, and methods in hypnosis;

1. members participate in continuing education activities.

II. Professional Responsibility: Members serve the best interests of their clients or patients.

A. members accept responsibility for the care of their clients or patients consistent with their discipline and licensure;

B. members seek out consultation and/or supervision when in doubt regarding their clinical practices or when questioned by others about their clinical practice;

C. members participate and cooperate with inquiries regarding their practices;

D. members accept responsibility for, and when necessary the consequences of, their behavior;

E. members accept responsibility to monitor and make appropriate changes in their practice to comply with the Ethical Principles or Ethical Standards of this Code;

F. members seek to educate the public about the proper and scientific use of hypnosis.

### **Ethical Standards**

I. ASCH members uphold the professional standards, ethics, and codes of conduct of their primary discipline.

II. ASCH members remain in good standing in the association or society that oversees the member's primary discipline.

III. ASCH members maintain a license to practice at the independent, unrestricted, or unsupervised level.

IV. ASCH members do not support the practice of hypnosis by laypersons.

A. The "practice of hypnosis" means the provision of services, or the offer to provide services, utilizing hypnosis to individuals or groups regardless if a fee or honorarium is charged, offered or paid.

B. A "layperson" is:

1. an individual lacking professional education and clinical training in a health care discipline, including but not limited to those recognized by ASCH for membership and/or certification,

or

2. an individual not pursuing a degree, from a regionally accredited institution, in a health care discipline including but limited to those recognized by ASCH for membership and/or certification.

C. Except as authorized by Sections V. B and C below, members do not provide hypnosis training to laypersons.

V. Public and Media Presentation:

A. ASCH members do not use or endorse or assist in the use of hypnosis for entertainment purposes.

B. Electronic recordings may be prepared by members for private patient treatment. Electronic recordings may also be prepared for purchase by health care professionals and/or the general public, but only for the purpose of educating individuals about the proper and scientific use of hypnosis, or to teach individuals who are not the member's patient/client the use of self-hypnosis for his or her own private use. When providing electronic recordings for the general public, members must follow the guidelines attached in Appendix A to this Code of Conduct, and they must supply the suggested disclaimers with each recording, displayed in a prominent manner and/or presented in the body of the electronic recording.

C. When members do appear in public forums, such as on television or some other

electronic format, they take care to ensure that any demonstration of hypnosis is done in such a way as to prevent or minimize risk to unknown audience participants.

1. For example, when a videotape demonstration is shown on television, the member takes steps to ensure that the complete audio portion of the induction and deepening phases are muted.

D. ASCH members ensure when they present hypnosis, in any format, to the public the member does so within the spirit of this Code and within the guidelines of their primary discipline.

E. Members honestly and fairly represent their professional competency, qualifications and capabilities to the public and media, and refrain from making false, misleading, deceptive or unsubstantiated statements in resumes, advertising and other means of soliciting clients or patients.

VI. Nothing in this Code shall prohibit members from:

A. teaching hypnosis to individuals or groups who, upon completion of such training, would be eligible for ASCH membership,

B. teaching students of health care disciplines, including but not limited to those recognized by ASCH for membership and/or certification,

C. teaching patients or clients the use of self-hypnosis for that individual's own therapeutic use, or

D. teaching about hypnosis in any forum that serves to properly educate and inform the consumer or professional public about hypnosis.

VII. When ASCH members engage in human subjects research, they do so within the accepted standards of their primary discipline, taking precautions not to cause emotional or physical harm to their subjects.

VIII. When this Code is unclear on an issue, question, or complaint and when deemed appropriate by the ASCH Executive Committee, guidance is sought from the ethical standards of the member's primary discipline professional association and/or the member's licensing board.

### **Enforcement**

I. Any person, whether or not a member of ASCH, may initiate a charge of ethical violation against a member of ASCH.

II. Any charge must be submitted in writing to the Ethics Committee, must specify the time and place of the violation, and must be signed by the complainant.

III. The Ethics Committee shall inform the member in writing of the charges against the member and solicit the member's response to the charges.

IV. If, upon receiving the response of the member, the Ethics Committee determines that cause for further inquiry exists, the Ethics Committee shall set a time and place for a hearing and shall notify the member and the complainant, by certified mail, of the time and place.

V. The purpose of the Ethics Committee hearing is to gather all the facts related to the alleged violation. The charged member shall have the privilege of appearing in person, or may submit a written defense to the Ethics Committee at least twenty-four hours prior to the time of the hearing. At the hearing, the charged member shall have the right to cross examine the complainant and any witnesses who may appear against the member. The charged member shall also have the right to present witnesses. The complainant shall be able to direct questions to the charged member only through a committee member. The hearing may be recorded and a transcript of the proceedings, if any, shall be available at cost.

VI. No later than thirty days following the hearing, the Ethics Committee shall submit a report of its findings to the Executive Committee and recommend either:

- A. dismissal of the charges,
- B. censure or warning,
- C. suspension, or
- D. expulsion.

The Ethics Committee shall send by certified mail a copy of its report and recommendation to the charged member.

VII. If the Ethics Committee finds for a recommendation of guilt of any of the charges or recommends censure, warning, suspension or expulsion, the member shall have thirty days from the receipt of the Ethics Committee report to submit to the Executive Committee written objections to the findings or recommendations of the Ethics Committee.

VIII. The Executive Committee shall review the findings and recommendation of the Ethics Committee and any written objections submitted by the member and shall reach a final decision. In accordance with the By-Laws, the Executive Committee shall not expel a member without holding a hearing at which the accused may appear and be represented by counsel. The Executive Committee shall also have the right to be represented by counsel at such a hearing. The Executive Committee shall notify the member in writing, by certified mail, of its decision.

IX. In accordance with the By-Laws, a decision of censure or warning will be a matter of Executive Committee record only. A decision of suspension or expulsion will be reported to the Board of Governors and to the membership of ASCH through the "Corrections to the Directory" section of the Newsletter.

*Approved by Board of Governors - 3/8/09  
Changes adopted at 11/08 Executive Committee Meeting  
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## **APPENDIX A** *(adopted at 9/06 Executive Committee Meeting)*

### **STATEMENT ON MAKING AND SELLING HYPNOSIS ELECTRONIC RECORDINGS FOR GENERAL CONSUMPTION**

#### **Hypnosis Electronic Recordings: Guidelines for Disclaimers**

The following points are to be addressed in a printed statement or as part of the recording itself that accompanies any recording of hypnosis audio tapes or CDs to be made for the general public by ASCH members.

#### **(1) Introduction of health care professional and qualifications**

Provide some information about the following, as appropriate:

- Your licensure; Academic credentials; Honors
- Membership in professional associations
- (Optional) Brief statement on experience with hypnosis
- (Mandatory) The recording is NOT to be considered a substitute for medical or psychological consultations with a health care professional.
- Any other introductory comments

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#### **2) Purpose of the recording and limits of usefulness**

Answer the following questions for the listener:

- Under what conditions or with what kinds of problems should this recording be used?
- What can you expect from it?
- What should you not expect to achieve with it? etc.

#### **(3) Is there any research about how hypnosis addresses your needs?**

Advise the listener if research supports the use of a recording such as this. Supply the actual citations—books, articles, if warranted.

#### **(4) What will happen when you listen to this recording?**

Advise the listener that, among other things, the recording can:

- Help access their potential to achieve, manage symptoms, increase relaxation, etc.
- Help develop skills or coping strategies
- Help with developing self-hypnosis skills in the future.

But, remind the listener to avoid unreasonable expectations about the utility of this recording.

(e.g.- this could be spelled out, depending upon the situation - for example, the recording will not allow the listener to cure cancer, facilitate astroprojection or psychic phenomena, enter “past lives”, etc.)

#### **(5) How is the recording to be used?**

- State the frequency of use, time of day (if preferred), location, etc.
- Discuss caveats - such as avoiding using the recording while driving, or other situations where alertness to one’s surroundings is important (e.g., avoiding using in a

parked car in an unsafe neighborhood, etc.)

- Discuss how to deal with distractions, interruptions, etc.
- Provide any other guidance as warranted.

**(6) What is hypnosis?**

- Provide some description about the phenomenon of hypnosis that reflects your theoretical orientation. This might include such topics as (a) what it consists of, (b) how it is a frequently occurring state for some (like watching a movie, or a football game, etc.), (c) how it could be a natural coping mechanism for some, such as in dealing with emergency situations, or (d) that it can also happen spontaneously for some (highway hypnosis).
- Hypnosis could also be described as facilitating the development of new skills, behaviors, and thought patterns to be used in place of maladaptive ones, and that further practice strengthens the new learning.

**(7) What hypnosis is NOT**

Discuss the common fears - losing control, losing consciousness, risking being “trapped” in hypnosis, etc. Also, it could be emphasized that that the individual can leave hypnosis at any point (like turning off a television set).

**(8) What if the recording is not helping, or in some way causing difficulties?**

Advise the listener to stop using the recording if he or she encounters problems or it is not working after a reasonable period of time.

**(9) What to do if you need more help with your symptom or problem?**

Advise the listener to seek out a licensed health care professional or to contact you, the maker of the recording, with questions, if warranted.

**(10) Should a person currently in treatment advise their therapist that they plan to use a hypnosis recording do?**

For those patients who are currently in treatment, it is advised that they inform their therapist that they plan to use a hypnosis recording.

**Draft Disclaimers** *(adopted at 11/08 Executive Committee meeting)*

1. This electronic recording is intended only to (insert either “educate the public about the proper and scientific use of hypnosis” or “teach non-patients the use of self-hypnosis for the individual’s own therapeutic use”). The use of this recording for any other purpose is strictly prohibited. X disclaims any liability for the use of this recording for any other purpose, and/or for the use of this recording without following the accompanying instructions, and/or for any damages resulting from hypnosis or caused by an individual attempting to practice hypnosis based upon this recording.

2. The American Society of Clinical Hypnosis Code of Conduct permits the sale by ASCH members of electronic recordings relating to hypnosis under certain limited circumstances, but does not specifically review, approve, endorse or monitor the contents of such recordings. Responsibility for the contents and use of such recordings rests solely with the author.