



NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT AND GENERAL TERMS OF USE FOR EXAMS DEVELOPED FOR THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SPORTS MEDICINE COMMITTEE ON CERTIFICATION AND REGISTRY BOARDS

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Code of Ethics for ACSM Certified and Registered Professionals

PURPOSE

This Code of Ethics is intended to aid all certified and registered American College of Sports Medicine Credentialed Professionals (ACSMCP) to establish and maintain a high level of ethical conduct, as defined by standards by which an ACSMCP may determine the appropriateness of his or her conduct. Any existing professional, licensure or certification affiliations that ACSMCPs have with governmental, local, state or national agencies or organizations will take precedence relative to any disciplinary matters that pertain to practice or professional conduct. This Code applies to all ACSMCP's, regardless of ACSM membership status (to include members and non-members). Any cases in violation of this Code will be referred to the **ACSM Committee on Ethics and Professional Conduct**.

PRINCIPLES and STANDARDS

I. Responsibility to the Public:

ACSMCPs shall be dedicated to providing competent and legally permissible services within the scope of the Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSAs) of their respective credential. These services shall be provided with integrity, competence, diligence, and compassion.

ACSMCPs provide exercise information in a manner that is consistent with evidence-based science and medicine.

ACSMCPs respect the rights of clients, colleagues, and health professionals, and shall safeguard client confidences within the boundaries of the law.

Information relating to the ACSMCP/client relationship is confidential and may not be communicated to a third party not involved in that client's care without the prior written consent of the client or as required by law.

ACSMCPs are truthful about their qualifications and the limitations of their expertise and provide services consistent with their competencies.

II. Responsibility to the Profession:

ACSMCPs maintain high professional standards. As such, an ACSMCP should never represent him/herself, either directly or indirectly, as anything other than an ACSMCP unless he/she holds other license/certification that allows him/her to do so.

ACSMCPs practice within the scope of their knowledge, skills, and abilities. ACSMCPs will not provide services that are limited by state law to provision by another health care professional only.

An ACSMCP must remain in good standing relative to governmental requirements as a condition of continued Credentialing.

ACSMCPs take credit, including authorship, only for work they have actually performed and give credit to the contributions of others as warranted.

Consistent with the requirements of their certification or registration, ACSMCPs must complete approved, additional educational course work aimed at maintaining and advancing their knowledge, skills and abilities

DISCIPLINE

Any ACSMCP may be disciplined or lose their certification or registry for conduct which, in the opinion of the Executive Committee of the ACSM Committee on Certification and Registry Boards, goes against the principles set forth in this Code. Such cases will be reviewed by the ACSM Committee on Ethics and Professional Conduct, which will include a liaison from the ACSM Committee on Certification and Registry Boards as appointed by the Chair of the Committee on Certification and Registry Boards. The ACSM Committee on Certification and Registry Boards will make an action recommendation to the Executive Council of the ACSM Committee on Certification and Registry Boards for final review and approval.

YOU AGREE THAT YOU HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD, AND THAT YOU FREELY ACCEPT THESE TERMS.