

## Code of Ethics

Please read and sign the CN<sup>SM</sup> Certified Nutritionist Code of Ethics to prevent delay in processing your application.

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**WHEREAS:** AHSU/NINE believes that the public is entitled to high-quality, nutritional counseling services delivered by qualified professionals who should be held to a code of ethics that requires them to act with integrity, fairness, professionalism, confidentiality, objectivity, competence and due care:

**WHEREAS:** It has been determined by this institution that the person whose signature appears below has met education, examination, experience and ethics requirements as set forth by this institution:

**THEREFORE:** The person whose signature appears below has graduated from the CN<sup>TM</sup> Certified Nutritionist Program and is applying for a license to use the CN<sup>SM</sup> Certification Nutritionist Designation issued by AHSU/ NINE for the 2011-2012 year.

Once licensed, it is understood by the person whose signature appears on the licensing application that he/she will continue to meet the post-certification standards in order to continue using the mark. All Licensees are required to renew their license on an annual basis. If not renewed annually there will be a reinstatement fee due of \$250. Further, all CN<sup>SM</sup> Certified Nutritionist Licensees are required to meet a continuing education requirement of sixteen contact hours per year or two CEU's.

Your signature on the following page indicates a recommitment to the CN<sup>SM</sup> Certified Nutritionists Code of Ethics. You will also be required to sign the Licensee's Statement on the license renewal form disclosing any legal proceeding, ethics violation, pending disciplinary matter or litigation in the prior years.

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These principles are intended to aid the (CN)<sup>SM</sup> Certified Nutritionist individually and collectively in maintaining a high level of ethical conduct. They are not laws but standards by which a (CN)<sup>SM</sup> Certified Nutritionist may determine the propriety of conduct in relationships with clients, with colleagues, with members of allied professions and with the public.

The honored ideals of AHSU/NINE/ state that the responsibility of the (CN)<sup>SM</sup> Certified Nutritionist extends not only to the individual but also to society. The (CN)<sup>SM</sup> Certified Nutritionist will participate in activities which improve the nutritional well being of the client and community.

(CN)<sup>SM</sup> Certified Nutritionist will strive continually to improve skill and knowledge and make available to their clients and colleagues the benefits of their professional attainments.

A (CN)<sup>SM</sup> Certified Nutritionist will practice a method of counseling and planning founded on a legal and practical basis and will not voluntarily associate or work with anyone who violates this principle.

A (CN)<sup>SM</sup> Certified Nutritionist will choose whom he or she will serve. Having undertaken a client, however, the (CN)<sup>SM</sup> Certified Nutritionist may not neglect serving the client unless discharged. The (CN)<sup>SM</sup> Certified Nutritionist may discontinue service only after giving the notice to the client.

A (CN)<sup>SM</sup> Certified Nutritionist will seek consultation in doubtful or difficult cases and whenever it appears that the services of members of other professions would tend to provide a more complete or better quality of advice.

A (CN)<sup>SM</sup> Certified Nutritionist will not reveal the confidences entrusted in the course of consultations, the deficiencies the (CN)<sup>SM</sup> Certified Nutritionist is required to do so by law.

The members of the CN<sup>SM</sup> Certified Nutritionist profession will guard the public AND themselves against any nutritional counselors deficient in moral character or professional competence. The CN<sup>SM</sup> Certified Nutritionist should obey all laws, uphold the dignity and honor of the profession and accept its self-imposed disciplines. They should oppose, without hesitation, illegal or unethical conduct of fellow members.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ License# \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_