

# COUNCIL FOR HOMEOPATHIC CERTIFICATION

PROMOTING HOMEOPATHIC EXCELLENCE THROUGH CERTIFICATION

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To Whom It May Concern:

The homeopathic profession in North America has established uniform standards of training and professional certification for integrative healthcare practitioners using homeopathy to ensure access to safe, effective homeopathic care for the public.

Homeopathy has continued to exist as an 'emerging' profession in the United States; however, according to the 2007 National Health Interview Survey, which included a comprehensive survey of the use of complementary health practices by Americans, an estimated 3.9 million adults and 910,000 children used homeopathy in the previous year. (<https://nccih.nih.gov/health/homeopathy>)

In 1991, the Council for Homeopathic Certification (CHC) was formed. Drawing from certification and licensing methodologies for major health care professions, the CHC established criteria appropriate for homeopathic practice across many health care settings. The CHC's certification credential, 'CCH', represents 'Certified in Classical Homeopathy'.

Classical homeopathy is an holistic health discipline that utilizes different criteria than allopathic medical diagnoses and treatment.

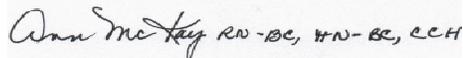
- Homeopathy is based on the Law of Similars, the patient's symptoms which indicate the remedy are the same ones that the remedy was shown to create during its proving.
- The totality of symptoms displayed by the patient forms a distinct pattern that indicates a single homeopathic remedy.
- Remedy selection is made through analysis of the case to match the symptom pattern to known proving results.
- A single remedy is given at any one time. Remedies are not given in combination.
- The minimum dose of the remedy necessary to bring about a return to health is given.

Based on these precepts the CHC's Board of Directors developed a certification process that coordinates with international standards in homeopathic credentialing. The CHC

- Establishes prerequisite training of knowledge, skills, and competence for certification, professional ethics, and continuing education for the professional practice of classical homeopathy
- Administers a rigorous examination process to certify homeopaths to this level of competence, granting the credential 'CCH' upon completion. Requirements include:
  - educational pre-requisites of 1000 hours of training / clinical work
  - 6.5 hour objective exam testing homeopathy and health sciences
  - peer-reviewed clinical casework demonstrating clinical competence
  - an interview exploring professional and ethical behavior
- Assists the public in choosing appropriately qualified homeopaths by providing a national directory of certified practitioners -- [www.homeopathicdirectory.com](http://www.homeopathicdirectory.com)

The CHC currently requires annual recertification through continued professional development, attestation to adherence of the CHC Code of Ethics. Within the Code of Ethics, CCH practitioners are expected to keep record of a client-signed disclosure/informed consent form that clearly and accurately identifies training, credentials, skills and nature of the practitioner's work.

Sincerely,



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