



Confidentiality Agreement

There are two confidentiality agreements below:

1. Agreement between the Apprenticeship Leader and the Apprentice
2. Agreement between Apprentices

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All interactions which take place in the setting of shamanic healing sessions are considered confidential. This includes conversations throughout the session, both in the spirit realm and outside it, session notes, and consults about session content.

Limitations

There are limits to this confidentiality:

1. Legal - In some legal proceedings a judge may issue a court order and require the Apprenticeship Leader to testify in court.
2. Potential Harm to Others - If the Apprenticeship Leader believes that you are threatening serious harm to another person, the Apprenticeship Leader will report it. This can be in the form of telling the person who you have threatened, or contacting the police as examples.
3. Potential Harm to Self - If the Apprenticeship Leader believes that you are threatening serious harm to yourself and that you are likely to kill yourself unless protective measures are taken, the Apprenticeship Leader will take measures to ensure your safety, which may include contacting family members or seeking conventional psychiatric services or hospitalization as examples.
4. Witnessed/Observed Sessions – During the Apprenticeship, other Apprentices will be observing some (not all) of your shamanic healing sessions. You, the Apprenticeship Leader, and the other Apprentices will discuss these sessions, focusing on the process and techniques of healing so that each Apprentice may learn from observing. The Apprenticeship Leader is sensitive to the delicate nature of such discussions and will maintain strong boundaries about what is discussed and how it is discussed. The other Apprentices have signed agreements to maintain confidentiality in this situation.

5. Consults with Colleagues - There may be times when the Apprenticeship Leader consults with colleagues about what is happening in your healing process in order to provide the best healing possible. In these cases, no personally identifiable information will be used to discuss the case. The persons with whom cases are discussed are ethically bound to keep information confidential.

Confidentiality Agreement Between Apprentices

Apprentices agree to maintain confidentiality between Apprentices throughout the apprenticeship and even after the apprenticeship is completed. This confidentiality applies to all interactions, including, but not limited to conversations during retreats, classes, and witnessed sessions, and applies to in-person conversations as well as to social media and online conversations. Apprentices may share their own session or apprenticeship experiences, provided no other Apprentice's confidentiality is breached in that sharing by disclosing *any* information about that Apprentice.

Limitations

There are acceptable limits to this confidentiality which enhance the education of the Apprentices. Apprentices may discuss sessions of other Apprentices with each other, for example, assuming that all parties have witnessed the session. Apprentices may also discuss cases in which one Apprentice has worked with a client, provided that no personally identifiable information is disclosed.

Photos and Recordings

Apprentices agree not to take photos or post photos of other Apprentices without overt permission given for both taking the photo and posting the photo. Each posting to a new platform requires another permission. Similarly, Apprentices agree not to record classes, sessions, or retreats, or any other interaction of the apprenticeship group. No exceptions.

Online Video Classes

To ensure confidentiality for each and every online video class or meeting, the Apprentice agrees:

1. To have the video on and working properly so that other apprentices may confirm that the Apprentice is there and is alone.

2. To find a setting wherein other Apprentices will not be heard or seen by other people, including people who may just be passing through the room.

Declaration of Understanding and Agreement

As an Apprentice in the apprenticeship program at the Institute of Shamanic Healing, I agree to the Confidentiality Agreement between me and the Apprenticeship Leader as well as the Confidentiality Agreement between me and the other Apprentices. By signing this contract electronically, I am stating that I have read and understood all that is contained herein, that all my questions have been answered to my satisfaction, that I agree to what is written herein.