

Should I Become a Licensed Spiritual Healer?

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No. Biofeedback professionals should not become licensed spiritual healers unless they really are spiritual healers.

Yes. If you're a biofeedback professional who helps your clients heal themselves using any of your God-given talents you might want to consider becoming a licensed spiritual healer.

Yes. If you believe:

1. all physical ailments and conditions are the result of emotional issues, and
2. all emotional issues are the result of mental wrong thinking, and
3. all wrong thinking is the result of disregarding intuitive insights, and
4. disregarding intuitive insights is the result of disconnecting from the Divine, then
5. you probably are a spiritual healer, and
6. you might want to consider becoming licensed as one

Yes. If you believe all illness of every kind is a spiritual illness, then you may want to consider becoming a licensed spiritual healer.

WHY A MINISTERIAL LICENSE MIGHT WORK FOR YOU

As a licensed minister you have the authority to counsel others in spiritual matters. This counsel can include nutrition and life-style changes. But the courts have held this pastoral counseling may not include treatments or remedies of any kind other than prayer and the laying on of hands.

Advising your clients to eat certain foods is usually acceptable, but selling nutritional products that you recommend is not. Anything in between these two extremes is a gray area and the courts vary a great deal in how they handle gray areas.

You have the duty and right to pray for and to pray with people who ask you to do so. You can also legally lay your hands on them and anoint them with oils in order to facilitate healing. Unless you're also a massage therapist, you cannot legally rub these oils on their body or massage them in any way.

A few people have established their own church and written bylaws to incorporate things like biofeedback, health and nutrition counseling as a teaching and practice of their church. To my knowledge none of these organizations have faced any legal problems from practicing medicine without a license. That doesn't mean it won't happen.

If you want to investigate the possibilities of using your ministerial license or church as a means to protect yourself from litigation, I strongly suggest you contact a competent attorney established in the non-profit community. I personally believe being a licensed spiritual healer is a better solution than relying on a ministerial license. But I may be wrong.

WHERE TO BECOME A LICENSED SPIRITUAL HEALER

There are several dozen churches that offer certification as a spiritual healer within their church or community. These boards are often locally recognized and can be found by asking church officials. Such certification does not normally carry much weight outside the church community.

There are six established and internationally recognized license boards for spiritual healers. Licensure by these organizations provides the individual a safety net under federal laws establishing and enforcing the separation of church and state. These organizations are:

1. Licensed Religious Science Practitioner - The Church of Religious Science (also called the Science of Mind Church) licenses Science of Mind Practitioners but does not endorse the use of biofeedback.
2. Licensed Christian Science Practitioner - The Church of Christ Scientist licenses Christian Science Practitioners but does not endorse the use of biofeedback.
3. Licensed Divine Science Practitioner - The Church of Divine Science licenses spiritual healers but does not endorse the use of biofeedback.
4. Licensed Scientology Practitioner - The Church of Scientology licenses Scientology Practitioners who are encouraged to use the Church's GSR device but no other biofeedback equipment.
5. Licensed Christian Healer - Licensed Christian Healer - The Alliance of Christian Healers licenses practicing Christians of any denomination as spiritual healers and they do endorse the use of biofeedback under their license.
6. Licensed Spiritual Health Coach - Licensed Spiritual Health Coach - The Spiritual Health Coach License Board licenses qualified persons as Spiritual Health Coaches regardless of their religion and this organization does endorse the use of biofeedback, aromatherapy, Reiki, and Essene healers under their license. Please check their coaching course at: <http://healercoach.com>
7. Licensed Spiritual Healer - The Spiritual Healer License Board licenses practicing Pagans as spiritual healers and they do endorse the use of biofeedback, aromatherapy, Reiki and Essene healers under their license.
8. Licensed Reiki Healer - The Reiki License Commission for Reiki Healers and Masters licenses Reiki Level II and higher as Reiki spiritual healers and they do endorse the use of biofeedback under their license.

For additional information, please visit: [The Federation of Spiritual Healers](#)

MY RECOMMENDATION

If you are a spiritual healer, you probably want to consider becoming licensed. That provides you with the protection of your license and allows you to advise your clients on spiritual matters. Spiritual matters can include anything that affects your client's spiritual health. Your client's spiritual health can be negatively impacted by their physical, emotional, mental, psychological or intuitive and relationship issues. As a licensed spiritual healer you have the credentials to help your clients resolve these issues.

DISCLAIMER

I am a Licensed Spiritual Health Coach and former member of their license board. I do have a slight prejudice in favor of this board. I am also a Licensed Reiki Master Coach Instructor and support that organization as well as the Alliance of Christian Healers License Board and the Spiritual Healer License Board.

DISCLAIMER #2:

Disclaimer: While it is true that the USA does have a lawful separation between church and state allowing churches great latitude in things like confidentiality of confession, spiritual healing, and spiritual rituals, the government already controls the sacraments of birth, death and marriage. Some governmental bodies already question the validity of some churches, place property taxes on some church properties, and limit the services that can be provided by ministers. There is no guarantee that governmental agencies may not restrict licensed spiritual healers in the future.