



# Natural Therapies Certification Board

## NATURAL THERAPIES CERTIFICATION BOARD NEWS

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### In Memoriam

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the family of Michael Blate, Executive Director, of the G-Jo Institute, who passed away. The family will be closing the Institute soon. All practitioners who are currently certified and or in training, may contact Don Hughes, NTCB Executive VP/Acupressure, for any questions regarding additional acupressure training at 720-833-0449.

### Certification is a Must – the Hard Truth!

According to our Counsel, more Practitioners are finding themselves in legal trouble. Certification for was put in place to help avoid this very issue. Certification also brings professionalism and integrity to our Natural Therapies community. If you are a practitioner offering services without the protection of certification and insurance, you are a target for future legal issues.

If you want to practice illegally by not being properly licensed or certified you really deserve to pay attorneys thousands of dollars to stay out of jail, get certified or licensed and keep your business. Or you deserve to go to jail, pay your fines and close your business. Either way, you lose or that's exactly what you deserve.

The truth is you could have avoided this whole mess. All you needed to do was become properly licensed or certified, use a solid informed consent form, coach and empower your clients and forget all about making illegal, false and misleading claims. That's all you had to do.

See <http://www.ntcrs.com> for more information.

### New Designation Offered

The candidate for certification as a Certified Anti-Aging Specialist (CAAS) must hold and maintain current certification as a Specialist or equivalent from NTCB and must successfully complete specific requirements from [BioEnergetics4U](http://BioEnergetics4U.com) .

This course is only offered to LIFE System practitioners at this time and only by Bioenergetics4U, but eventually they will be offering this to other practitioners. Now is your chance to be the first to acquire this course and certification which will definitely open up many doors and biofeedback opportunities specific to anti-aging. The course is set to start November 9th and run four consecutive Tuesday evenings

To find out more about how you can sign up for this course go to: <http://www.bioenergetics4u.com> and click on the Specialty Classes tab at the top of the page. You may also check the Alternative & Natural Health Certification Board at <http://www.anhcb.com/apply/specialist.html> for more information.

## **Change in Second Designation Cost**

All certification designations are \$65.00 each (\$25 past due). The 2nd designation for \$25.00 has been eliminated as of 7/1/10 because I.C.E. (who we are accredited by) has mandated that we stop offering a second designation for \$25.00 because that is a technique 'certification paper mills' use to increase membership. If you qualify for additional certifications, you may apply for them at the \$65/year fee. You are only required to maintain one certification.

## **Sting Alert**

I received an email recently from an acquaintance who is active in a non-mainstream faith that's well-known for its members' use of alternative medicine instead of allopathic medicine. The members of his church had been requested to fill out an online survey asking about their preference for alternative medicine and the ways in which that preference connected to their faith. The survey was multiple-choice, and its answers assumed that religious belief was the main factor governing the congregation's use of alternative medicine.

Its answers also assumed that congregants were engaging in illegal acts that amounted to practicing medicine without a license --- healing the physical illnesses of other people, offering healing advice or medicinal remedies to friends, family, and fellow congregants, etc. Even though the survey was officially anonymous, this alarmed my friend; after all, online surveys can track participants by ISP address without the participant's knowledge. He was even more alarmed when the survey taker asked him as a clergyperson to take an expanded follow-up survey via email, reflecting on his use of alternative medicine in his role as congregation leader. He agreed to look at the follow-up survey, and found that it was even more strongly built around the idea that he practiced medicine without a license by virtue of his religious beliefs. It assumed that he engaged in medical style healing as a normal part of his ministry, and built many of its questions around that assumption. When he explained that he most certainly did nothing of the kind, the survey taker responded with a whole series of leading questions insisting that surely he must be doing X, Y, and Z --- including teaching his congregants to practice medicine without a license.

At that point he declined to participate further, and came to me for advice and feedback. I took the initial survey, read both sets of questions from the follow-up survey, and informed him that I smelled a substantial rat. It's probably no surprise to any of you that alternative healthcare practitioners are the target of sting operations designed to entrap them into admitting to or performing illegal acts, especially practicing medicine without a license. I'm sure a good many readers remember some of the stings run against biofeedback practitioners in the US and Canada in recent years, and of course practitioners in other fields can report seeing or experiencing their share of such efforts. While the survey my friend forwarded to me looks legitimate on the surface, experience leads me to feel concerned that it may be otherwise.

The moral of this story is that you're smart to be suspicious of a situation where someone tries to get you to say something that amounts to an admission of practicing medicine without a license. Even where the subject of the question seems to be religion or something else harmless, you need to be

very careful what you say, and what you admit to doing. My friend did exactly what he should have: he declined to answer any dangerous questions. As it happens, he's not a practitioner of alternative medicine, except in terms of curing his own ailments at home, and he stated as much. Had he been a practitioner, though, he could have stated that as a minister, the only form of healing he practices is spiritual healing of spiritual disorders; he could have stated that he has no credentials to practice medicine, and that he neither diagnoses, prescribes, treats, nor claims to cure; he could have said (and did) "I'm sorry, I don't do that" or "Do you realize you're assuming that I break the law?". There are a dozen ways to respond to questions, even leading questions like the ones in the survey, without giving anyone rope to hang you as an illegal practitioner of medicine. Just keep your wits about you and remember that anyone, however harmless they seem, may be trolling for a sting. That way you won't get stung.

## **Supplements Still Under Attack**

Your vitamins and supplements are under attack in Washington, but some new bills aim to restore and protect your freedoms. We need your help to send a message to legislators on these important proposed laws: [http://www.naturalnews.com/029840\\_free\\_speech\\_nutritional\\_science.html](http://www.naturalnews.com/029840_free_speech_nutritional_science.html)

 **NOTE:** We recently had a mail box change. Mail will be forwarded to our new address. We still answer the phone EDT.

## **Is your certification expiring?**

Check your certificate or email us for your expiration date. Visit our website at <http://ntcb.org/apply.html> and follow the instructions to pay online and download a recertification form for your designation. You may also mail your recertification into headquarters (address on the application).

## **Have you moved lately?**

Let us know how we can find you by sending us your new contact information, including email address, to [ntcb.info@gmail.com](mailto:ntcb.info@gmail.com). Thank you!

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Thanks to all for your continued support.

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