CHAPTER 11-02-02
CODE OF ETHICS

Section
11-02-02-01 Unethical Conduct [Repealed]
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11-02-02-01. Unethical conduct.

Repealed effective May 1, 1984.

11-02-02-02. Code of ethics.

The board subscribes to the 2016 code of ethics of the American speech-language-hearing association. This code is incorporated in the rules by reference except that a certificate of clinical competence is not required to practice speech-language pathology and audiology in North Dakota.

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11-02-02-03. Unacceptable professional conduct.

The following constitute unacceptable professional conduct by a licensed audiologist, speech-language pathologist, or speech-language pathology licensed assistant and subject such licensee or potential licensee to sanction:

1. Taking financial advantage of a client, or using one's position within an agency to enhance one's private practice or the private practice of others for personal gain.

2. Entering into any illegal acts with a client.

3. Participating in, condoning, or being an accessory to dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation in the practice of audiology or speech-language pathology.

4. Not providing clients with accurate and complete information regarding the extent and nature of the services available to them.

5. Convicted of a criminal act which affects the practice of the profession. (North Dakota Century Code section 12.1-33-02.1)

6. Violating any federal or state confidentiality client care regulation statutes.

7. Violating any federal or state discrimination statutes or regulations.

8. Exploiting relationships with clients such as participating in or soliciting sexual relationships during the time of services and for twelve months following the termination of services.

9. Refusal to seek adequate and appropriate treatment for any illness or disorder which interferes with professional functioning or ability to perform the basic expected functions, or both, of an audiologist, speech-language pathologist, or speech-language pathology licensed assistant.

10. Using misrepresentation in the procurement of licensing as an audiologist, speech-language pathologist, or speech-language pathology licensed assistant or knowingly assisting another

in the procurement of licensing through misrepresentation, including misrepresentation of professional qualifications, certifications, accreditations, affiliation, and employment experiences.

11. Failure to report through the proper channels the incompetent, unethical, or illegal practice of any licensed audiologist, speech-language pathologist, or speech-language pathology licensed assistant who is providing such services.

12. Participating in activities that constitute a conflict of professional interest and adversely affect the licensee's ability to provide audiology or speech-language pathology services.

13. Violating any of the principles of ethics as listed in the most recent code of ethics of the American speech-language-hearing association.

14. Providing any inaccurate, misleading, or false information to the board in regard to a licensure action.

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