

# Code of Ethics for APHE Members

## Preamble

This code of ethics sets forth principles for APHE Members

The exercise and preservation of the highest standards of ethical principles are vital to the responsible performance of obligations, activities and services provided by APHE Members. These principles include professional competency, integrity, honesty, confidentiality, objectivity, sound judgment and public safety concerning or with regard to people, animals and the environment.

The guidelines expressed in this code are not to be considered all inclusive of situations that could evolve under a specific principle, nor is the failure to specify any particular responsibility or practice a denial of the existence of such responsibilities or practices.

### Principle 1: Professional Competency

APHE members will strive to demonstrate the ability to instruct to student's individual competencies and adapt appropriately as needed, providing suitable materials, activities and discussions that meet them at a level that is most effective for their learning.

### Principle 2: Integrity

APHE members will strive to demonstrate integrity, honor and compassion by respecting the rights, dignity and well being of all people, animals and the environment This may include expressing a difference of opinion with others in a respectful, professional manner.

### Principle 3: Honesty

APHE members will strive to present information that is accurate and true.

### Principle 4: Confidentiality

APHE members will strive to demonstrate confidentiality by respecting the privacy of all individuals involved in the educational setting. This will include understanding confidentiality and mandated reporting requirements for each group served.

### Principle 5: Objectivity

APHE members will strive to demonstrate objectivity and fairness in interactions with people, animals, and the environment.

### Principle 6: Public Safety

APHE members will strive to practice procedures and policies to promote overall safety to people, animals and the environment.