



ERCEM
The Early Recovery
Couples Empathy Model

CES CANDIDATE / SUPERVISOR CONSULTATION AGREEMENT

This Agreement is between _____, an ERCEM Specialist (CES) candidate (hereinafter referred to as “Candidate”) and the Early Recovery Couples Empathy Model (hereinafter referred to as ERCEM) approved CES Supervisor (hereinafter referred to as “Supervisor”) for participation in the process of becoming a CES. The parties agree and understand the following:

I. The Candidate will receive only clinical consultation, both in individual and group sessions. The parties understand that the Candidate will not receive any clinical supervision, and the presence of any senior counselor and/therapist is not intended as supervision in any form. The Candidate’s Supervisor will not be providing supervision services and therefore will not be taking on clinical supervisory responsibility for the standard of care that Candidate provides to his/her clients. Candidate agrees that both Supervisor and ERCEM are not in any way responsible for the standard of care Candidate provides to his/her clients in any clinical setting. Candidate is expected to follow all state and federal ethical guidelines with respect to the standard of care provided to his/her clients as stated in Paragraph Three (III) below.

II. The Supervisor will provide Candidate the following: (1) help Candidate to further his/her clinical knowledge and clinical skills in the Early Recovery Couples Empathy Model for treating partners of sex addicts and (2) make a recommendation to ERCCEM regarding whether or not Candidate has met the requirements for certification as a CES.

III. Candidate agrees to adhere to all legal and ethical standards as required by the state/province in which they practice and at least one professional association (ACA, APA, AAMFT, NBCC, NASW, or comparable body) as well as any relevant legal and ethical standards. Candidate is bound by the laws and standards of the state where he/she is licensed/certified.

IV. Candidate agrees to have current and valid malpractice insurance with coverage limits consistent with local professional standards at all times during this process. A copy of said policy must be provided to ERCCEM prior to participation in the process of becoming a CES. Any modification to said policy may only be made with the prior consent of ERCCEM prior to the effective date of the modification. Failure to adhere to this requirement shall be deemed a material breach of this Agreement and grant ERCCEM the authority to terminate the Agreement at its sole discretion.

V. In the event of any dispute under this Agreement, it shall be resolved by arbitration. Any disagreement which may arise out of this agreement shall be submitted to arbitration and shall be enforceable under the laws of the State of IN. Judgment on the award shall be entered into by the said court and the decision of the arbitrator shall be a condition precedent to legal rights. The parties shall submit disputed matters under the Rules of the American Arbitration Association and the losing party shall pay both parties' attorneys' fees and costs.

VI. Modifications and waivers of any provisions of this agreement must be made in writing and agreed to by both parties and attached hereto. Failure to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be considered a waiver of its enforceability.

VII. Candidate will hereby hold harmless ERCCEM, the Supervisors, and the members of the ERCCEM Faculty and Supervisors for any acts according to said standards and indemnify ERCCEM and the members of the ERCCEM Faculty and Supervisors for any damages, attorney fees, or other costs resulting from a breach or violation this agreement.

Initials

Candidate's Printed Name

Candidate's Signature

Date

Supervisor's Printed Name

Supervisor's Signature

Date