



## Zero Tolerance for Sexual Misconduct

### Introduction

The NSCCT takes a position of “zero tolerance” concerning all forms of sexual misconduct by registrants of the College. Any act of sexual misconduct is a misuse of power and a betrayal of trust. In recognition of the inherent power differential and vulnerability of clients within the client-therapist relationship, the NSCCT treats all such cases as egregious breaches of the CCPA Code of Ethics (2020) and CCPA Standards of Practice (2021).

### STATEMENT OF STANDARD

- 1.0** All complaints to the College regarding sexual misconduct by a registrant will be robustly perused.
  - 1.1** Where there is a finding of either professional misconduct or conduct unbecoming that constitutes sexual abuse, the College will seek the revocation of the counselling therapist's licence.
  - 1.2** Where there is a finding of professional misconduct or conduct unbecoming arising from a finding of sexual misconduct that does not constitute sexual abuse, the College will seek a licensing sanction against the counselling therapist commensurate with the relevant circumstances.
  - 1.3** Throughout the process the College will remain committed to ensuring a fair process that maintains a safe and emotionally supportive environment for clients to disclose their experience.

### END

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