

The Certification Process with Pegasus ECT through NACPET, Inc

Pegasus ECT provides basic/intermediate to advanced training in the Pegasus Model of Equine Assisted Counseling (EAC) and Equine Assisted Therapy (EAT).

Pegasus Model Defined

- **Solution Based, Short-Term, Engaging, and Growth Orientated:** Horses are spiritual animals that provide non-judgmental and in the moment opportunities for personal and professional growth. These experiences are profound, which promotes change with healthy risk taking and fears awareness. Problems become personal solutions quickly in a non-threatening environment.
- **Benefits Everyone:** Whether it is an individual, family, couple or group, the Pegasus Model of EAC or EAT provides empowering opportunities to build new coping and life skills for all ages. It aspires to aid in the creation of healthier relationships, effective communication and stronger partnerships with self and others.
- **Benefits Any Problem:** Regardless of the issue, the Pegasus Model of EAC and EAT is able to help. EAC is used for Addictions, Life Skills, Recovery Coaching, Self Esteem Strategies, Boundaries, Spiritual and Grief Counseling, and Social or Behavioral issues. EAT is used for Trauma, PTSD, Eating Disorders, Mental Health Disorders, such as Depression, and any Social or Behavioral Disorders. **(All Professionals that provide EAT, must be Licensed by the State to provide Mental Health Services. All Professionals that provide Life Coaching or Grief Recovery must be Certified through a qualifying agency for Life/Recovery Coaching or Grief Recovery by the state to provide these services; unless, they are already Certified and/or Licensed to provide such services).**
- **On the Horse and on the Ground:** In the Pegasus Model of EAC or EAT, 90% of the exercises with the horses is on the Ground. However, 10% is on the horse. Safety is First when it comes to EAC or EAT, we have a mandatory Safety Policy that must be followed.
- **Professional Counseling, Therapy or Coaching::** The Pegasus Model of EAC or EAT is done with a Trained, Licensed or Certified Team of Professionals Only: A Licensed Mental Health Professional or a Certified Addictions Counselor, Certified Life Coach or Certified Grief Counselor/Specialist, an experienced Equine Specialist and Horse(s) that are preferably Certified through the Certified Therapy Horse Association (CTHA).

Pegasus ECT provides Specialized Training for Certification through NACPET, Inc.

Pegasus ECT Trains and NACPET, Inc., certifies Specialized Equine Therapy Professionals to ensure the highest standards and safety in the Equine/Mental Health and Life Skill fields to advance the development of Equine Therapy worldwide. The Certification process provides public assurance that certified professionals are held to and demonstrate the highest levels of experience, training, safety, continued education and ethics.

NACPET, Inc., implements a universal/national/global credentialing system for Equine Assisted Counseling/Therapy or Equine Specialist that provide regulated guidelines for practitioners in the field to follow. Our Goal is to improve the professionalism, ethics and standards in this discipline, which will increase public safety, add credibility to the field in psychology, lower liability insurance, and enhance the lives of individuals and specific populations that are in the greatest need of an intensive, yet non-threatening and short-term form of counseling or therapy.

Please check with Pegasus ECT 6 months after revised date, due to, changes/revisions are made to certification requirements bi-annually.

DISCLAIMER: Mickey Kay Troxell, CATC II, CEAC II, the Founder of the Pegasus Model and CEO of Pegasus ECT, only personally provides EAC because she is a Certified Addictions Treatment Counselor. Pegasus ECT has trained and licensed contractors that provide EAT.

Certification Process:

Basic to Intermediate CEAC, CEAT or CES

- 1) Attend and Complete a 20-24 Clock Hour EAC-1/EAT-1 basic to intermediate training with Pegasus ECT or other approved program; such as, OK Corral Series, PATH or EAGALA.
- 2) Complete 250 hours of documented hours of Equine Therapy in the field that you are applying for Basic Level Certification. A Letter from a Supervisor that can attest that you have completed these hours and have seen your documented Progress Notes or Horse Documentation, depending on your discipline. All Supervisors must be Trained and Certified/or Licensed in your discipline as well as in Equine Therapy.
- 3) Must be an active Basic Member with CTHA, please see below for registration.
- 4) Receive a Certificate of Completion from the approved training program and submit Application to NACPET, Inc with a Signed Code of Ethics, Scope of Practice, Uniform Code of Conduct, Statement of Understanding, Release of Liability, Patient's Rights and Copy of Certification and/or License from your State or Country (if applicable), or Resume showing at least 5 years of Equine Related Work, w/References, if applying as a CES for the first time. Copy of picture ID, Proof of Liability Insurance, a fee of \$100.00 (*If you received your EAC-1/EAC-1 training through Pegasus ECT, your Initial Certification Fee is waived. Please only submit a \$50.00 Application Fee*) to:

**NACPET, Inc.
2299 Hunter Road
Lewisburg, TN. 37091**

**Or Email to:
Mickey@nacpet.org**

- 5) If approved, you will receive a Certification Certificate for a CEAC, CEAT or CES from NACPET, Inc within 45 days of submission, which is renewable 2 years from the date of submission.

Renewal of CEAC, CEAT or CES

- 6) In order to maintain EAC-1/EAT-1 Certification, you must renew your Certification every 2 years. Any renewal 180 days past due, will assess a \$50.00 late fee added to the cost of renewal. Anything over 14 months must send a \$50.00 late fee, retrain in a Basic to Intermediate Training and submit Renewal Application.
- 7) Must be an Active Basic Member with CTHA.
- 8) Submit Renewal Application Form Section 1 Only with Newly Signed Code of Ethics, Scope of Practice, current Certification and/or License from your State or Country (if applicable), Proof of 40 CEU's or 600 Direct Hours, Copy of current picture ID, Proof of current Liability Insurance, a fee of \$75.00 to:

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- 9) If approved, you will receive a Certification Certificate for a CEAC, CEAT or CES from NACPET, Inc within 45 days of submission, which is renewable 2 years from the date of submission.

Advanced Certification for CEAC II, CEAC II or CES II

- 1) Attend and Complete a 20-24 Clock Hours EAC-2/EAT-2 Advanced Training with Pegasus ECT or other approved program; such as, Ok Corral Series, PATH or EAGALA.
- 2) Complete 1250 hours of documented hours of Equine Therapy in the field that you are applying for Advanced Certification. A Letter from a Supervisor that can attest that you have completed these hours and have seen your documented Progress Notes or Horse Documentation, depending on your discipline. All Supervisors must be Trained and Certified/or Licensed in your discipline as well as in Equine Therapy from an approved program.
- 3) Must be an active Ultimate Member with CTHA, please see below for registration.
- 4) Receive a Certificate of Completion from the approved training program and submit to NACPET, Inc.; with all Signed Requested Documentation (Code of Ethics, Scope of Practice, Uniform Code of Conduct, Statement of Understanding, Release of Liability, Patient Rights) Copy of Current Certification/License of Practice in your State or Country or Resume showing at least 5 years of Equine Related Work, w/References, if applying as a CES for the first time through NACPET, Inc., Current Proof of Liability Insurance, Completed and Signed Recommendation Form (Recommendation Form is to be sent in a closed separate envelope) and fee of \$150.00 (*If you received your EAC-2 EAT-2 training through Pegasus ECT, your Initial Advanced Certification Fee is discounted \$75.00. Please only submit a \$75.00 Advanced Application Fee*) to:

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- 5) If approved, you will receive a Certification Certificate for a CEAC II, CEAT II or CES II from NACPET, Inc within 45 days of submission, which is renewable 2 years from the date of submission.

Renewal of CEAC II, CEAT II or CES II

- 6) In order to maintain EAC-2/EAT-2 Certification, you must renew every 2 years. Any renewal 180 days past due, will assess a \$50.00 late fee added to the cost of renewal. Anything over 14 months, requires \$50.00 late fee; in addition to; retraining in Basic and Advanced Trainings and sending proof with late Renewal Application.
- 7) Must be an active Ultimate Member with CTHA.
- 8) Submit Renewal Application Form Section 1 Only with Newly Signed Code of Ethics, Scope of Practice, current Certification and/or License from your State or Country, if applicable. Proof of 60 CEU's or 800 Direct Hours, Copy of current valid picture ID, Proof of current Liability Insurance and fee of \$100.00 to:

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