

Ancestral Healing Practitioner Code of Ethics

Ancestral healing practitioners work from a stance of reverence, humility, and kindness, and agree to stay in communication and good standing with their personal ancestors.

Ancestral healing practitioners agree to honor the limits of the ancestral lineage healing method as well as their unique personal limits with respect to training and ability to work well with any given client. Practitioners agree, when appropriate, to refer clients to psychological, medical, and religious professionals.

Ancestral healing practitioners proactively honor each client with respect to religion, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, and socio-economic background and to work from an awareness of the ongoing need for social justice. Practitioners encourage clients to claim ancestral gifts, get educated about their specific ancestors and cultures of origin, and to honor obscured and marginalized histories.

Ancestral healing practitioners may choose to offer sessions for community, students, friends, and family. When entering into these types of dual/multiple relationships, practitioners agree to proactively navigate relational complexity, utilize collegial support, and make referrals as needed for the well-being of the client.

Ancestral healing practitioners decide what to charge for their time, and seek to balance this with respect to issues of class, accessibility and economic privilege.

Ancestral healing practitioners agree to relate professionally with one another when collaborating for the well-being of clients or for the advancement of ancestral healing work. This collegial spirit includes resolving conflicts directly and avoiding gossip or a competitive attitude with other practitioners.

Ancestral healing practitioners seek always to educate and empower rather than foster dependence. Practitioners aim to strengthen clients' direct relationships with their own wise and loving ancestors, with their soul-level gifts, and with what is healthy and beautiful about their cultural heritage.

Ancestral healing practitioners work only with the explicit consent of their clients. Practitioners also give proactive consideration to consent when navigating ethical questions of when and how to support their clients in engaging with diverse types of ancestors.

Ancestral healing practitioners seek to honor other types of ancestors (e.g., ancestors of place, ancestors of tradition) and the larger web of other-than-human relations. This includes

kindness, curiosity, and respect for the ways that clients and their lineage ancestors intersect legacies of colonialism, oppression, and ongoing ecological desecration.

Ancestral healing practitioners seek to reintroduce non-dogmatic practices of ancestor reverence and ritual into the larger cultures in which they operate while also respecting intact customs and lineages of practice.