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WHITE COAT CEREMONY



Ceremony-Alumni Auditorium

*630 West 168th Street
New York, NY 10032*

*Sunday, March 29th, 2026
10:00 am*

Reception-Audubon Ballroom

*3940 Broadway
New York, NY 10032*

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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RECITATION OF THE CODE OF ETHICS

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CODE OF ETHICS

PHYSICAL THERAPISTS AND PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANTS SHALL...

ETHICAL COMMITMENT 1: RESPECT

Respect the inherent dignity and rights of all individuals.

ETHICAL COMMITMENT 2: INTEGRITY

Act with professional integrity and responsibility and fulfill their respective legal and ethical obligations.

ETHICAL COMMITMENT 3: ACCOUNTABILITY

Be accountable for making sound professional judgments and decisions within the scope of practice established by laws and regulations.

ETHICAL COMMITMENT 4: MAINTAINING PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

Respect the boundaries of professional, therapeutic, organizational, and personal relationships to promote a safe environment.

ETHICAL COMMITMENT 5: COMPASSION AND TRUST

Be trustworthy and compassionate in addressing the rights and needs of patients and clients.

ETHICAL COMMITMENT 6: RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS AND ORGANIZATIONAL PRACTICES

Promote accountable and truthful organizational behaviors and business practices.

ETHICAL COMMITMENT 7: DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION

Provide appropriate and timely direction to and communication with anyone over whom they have legal supervisory responsibility.

ETHICAL COMMITMENT 8: PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE

Enhance their expertise and competency through career-long acquisition and refinement of knowledge, skills, abilities, and professional behaviors.

ETHICAL COMMITMENT 9: SOCIETAL RESPONSIBILITY

Participate in efforts to meet the health needs of people locally, nationally, and globally.