

Policy Title: ACCT Facebook Policy	
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Policy The ACCT Facebook Community page was established in order to provide members with an opportunity to connect for purposes of sharing information, resources, and professional experience. The overall goal of the site is the enhancement of individual knowledge and professional performance. The site is considered a public professional space where all participants are expected to maintain the ACCT Code of Ethics and consider ACCT ethical principles and decision-making when making contributions. Posts and re-posts should be directly related to the field of psychology or counselling practice; questions relevant to practice; referrals; service or educational offerings; reviews of relevant books or materials; descriptions of training experiences that have been personally beneficial; and field-related humour would all be welcome. Client confidentiality should be protected at all times and members are encouraged to consider whether a clinical question is more appropriately and usefully addressed in a clinical supervision setting. The strength of ACCT is its diversity and it is recognised that growth and professional development has the potential to arise out of the multiple perspectives that the community has to offer. At the same time, all contributions and discussions are expected to be thoughtful, respectful and supportive. We expect all members to avoid contributions that could be perceived as profane or discriminatory on the basis of race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age, mental or physical disability, or sexual orientation. We also expect members to post and/or respond to one another with acceptance and respect. Please refrain from any demeaning, marginalizing, aggressive or reactive conduct. A member may email info@acctcounselor.com if they have a serious concern about the ethical content of a post. Active participation in these ways speaks directly to the following points in the ACCT Code of Ethics: 2. To treat all clients with respect and unconditional acceptance. 13. To obtain assistance and refer clients when appropriate. 16. To maintain client confidentiality, except where there is written consent, danger to self or others or as required by law. 19. To continue to grow and develop as a professional counsellor. 22. To be aware of the influence my public statements may have. 23. To deal appropriately with the unethical behaviour of another counsellor. 25. To promote my services professionally and accurately. In joining this Facebook Page, you are agreeing to abide by these guidelines set out by ACCT, which are designed to enhance the experience for all members.	
Purpose of the Policy The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the use of the ACCT Facebook Community page.	