



EQUUSOMA® Student and Practitioner Agreement

Portions of this agreement have been adapted from Somatic Experiencing® International due to the degree of integration of the SETM model in EQUUSOMA®.

Preamble: EQUUSOMA® students embark on an in-depth process of personal and professional development when taking part in the EQUUSOMA® program and its related offerings. The following information outlines key points related to your student participation and experience. This agreement also outlines key points related to implementing EQUUSOMA® in your scope of practice, while a student or as a Practitioner (ESP). A more in-depth overview of the points in this agreement along with additional policy information can be found in the EQUUSOMA® Policies Handbook – Student and Practitioner Edition (October 2022).

PLEASE INITIAL IN THE BOX NEXT TO EACH SECTION.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

I agree to abide by all EQUUSOMA® and Schlote Psychotherapy Professional Corporation policies, procedures, and guidelines as posted on the website at <https://equusoma.com>. All policies, procedures, and guidelines are subject to change without notice to me and will be updated on the website. I understand and agree that it is my responsibility to check the website for updates and that I am nonetheless bound by all such policies, procedures, and guidelines.

PRIVACY

I recognize that I will disclose personal information during my involvement in the EQUUSOMA® program, such as contact information, payment information, health information, stories and experiences, needs, and personal processing. Some of this information is required as part of the registration process, while some of this information may be disclosed during trainings (in discussions, demonstrations, or practice rounds) or after the program itself (during personal sessions of SETM, consultations, make-up time, by email, etc.).

EQUUSOMA® events are offered with the support of an assisting team, whose role will be to contribute to the safety, containment and learning experience of the group. I understand that all team members and students have signed an agreement that includes respecting confidentiality and privacy. I recognize that many team members and students are also part of a profession that requires them to abide by specific legislation and standards of practice around privacy and confidentiality. I understand that The Schlote Psychotherapy Professional Corporation and its agents and representatives will not sell my personal information to third parties, and will only share information in the following cases:

- **Compliance with Laws:** Information may be disclosed where legally required to do so in order to comply with applicable law, governmental requests, a judicial proceeding, court order, or legal process, such as in response to a court order or a subpoena (including in response to public authorities to meet national security or law enforcement requirements).
- **Training Experience:** Information may be disclosed when doing so is in an individual's best interests, such as during team meetings to support student needs and address concerns, when team members consult about how best to support particular students, or when sharing email addresses to facilitate communication and coordination within cohorts between team members and students.
- **Vital Interests and Legal Rights:** Information may be disclosed where necessary to investigate, prevent, or take action regarding potential violations of policies, suspected fraud, situations involving potential threats to the safety of any person and illegal activities, or as evidence in litigation in which The Schlote Psychotherapy Professional Corporation may be involved.
- **Business Transfers:** Certain information may be shared or transferred in connection with, or during negotiations of, any merger, sale of company assets, financing, or acquisition of all or a portion of the business to another company.
- **With my Consent:** My formal documented consent is required to disclose information for any other purpose.



I understand that some of my personal information that is in electronic form is stored in Owl Practice and/or Airtable, which comply with privacy legislation. I understand that the internet itself and online methods of communication (email, messaging apps) and data storage are 100% secure, and that transmission of personal information through virtual methods is at my own risk. I will only access online services within a secure environment.

CONFIDENTIALITY

I agree to abide by standard norms of confidentiality and not disclose any information that was shared with me about any person or animal during the course of my involvement with EQUUSOMA®. I am aware that the names and emails of students and assistants within each cohort or at each event will be shared within the group for the purposes of facilitating communication. I agree to not disclose any names and emails to anyone else beyond the event or group. I agree to abide by any standards that govern my scope of practice pertaining to confidentiality and its limits, both as a student and in my professional work. If no such standards exist, I will research and apply the standards of a similar profession pertaining to confidentiality.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING, PRACTICE ROUNDS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

I understand that EQUUSOMA® trainings are highly experiential in nature, and include top-down lecture and discussion components (with slides and videos), as well as bottom-up personal growth and transformation through body awareness, nervous system and state shift tracking, and growing organic capacity for self-regulation. I understand that the subjects of trauma, attachment, and relational rupture and repair in equine-human contexts are deeply personal and that I might find myself uncomfortable or activated at times as my system processes emotions and sensations in new ways. EQUUSOMA® is as much about “being” as it is about “doing”, and although there are techniques and practical pieces to learn about, my nervous system is the main tool that will be emphasized. As a result, I understand that EQUUSOMA® is different from trainings that focus on cognitive knowledge, protocols, and skill building without deeper embodiment.

I understand that practice rounds typically consist of 1-2 assistants and a triad of students rotating between the role of practitioner, “lender” (i.e., lending one’s nervous system for the practice), and observer. Each role is active and intentional in different ways. While the practice rounds use the “lender’s” actual felt sense experience (not a made-up role play), the practice rounds are not therapy or a time to do deep personal work, even if the practices may wind up feeling “therapeutic” in some way. Demonstrations are when a student “lends” themselves to a faculty member/mentee or training assistant for the purposes of demonstrating some of the material being taught to the rest of the students observing, whether a principle, technique, skill, process, or way of being in the work.

I understand that I am responsible for managing my own safety, and that I may opt to “pass” at any point on any individual or group activity or demonstration that I am not comfortable with (though overall attendance is required to complete the program). If I agree to participate as a subject in a demonstration or during practice rounds, I am doing so voluntarily and at my own risk. I acknowledge that demonstrations may be recorded to support student and team learning (practice rounds in breakout rooms are not recorded). Sarah Schlote and the Schlote Psychotherapy Professional Corporation are not liable for any unauthorized distribution of these recordings by anyone. Participation in demonstrations and practice rounds may involve being asked questions related to my trauma history, symptoms I may have, and challenges I would like supported. I understand that I have the right to change my mind and withdraw consent to participate in a demonstration at any time if I am not comfortable, without such withdrawal impacting my involvement in the EQUUSOMA® program, unless it is deemed that the program is not the right fit at the present time.

I will not hold Sarah Schlote and the Schlote Psychotherapy Professional Corporation liable or responsible for and injury or damage from my participation or involvement in any demonstration or practice rounds, and I accept that any result or no result may occur due to my participation or involvement.



SESSIONS AND CONSULTATIONS

I understand that the purpose of receiving credited personal Somatic Experiencing® sessions is educational: to observe and experientially learn how SE™ principles are applied in practice so as to support my professional training and development. These sessions are not intended as formal psychotherapy but as experiential learning. Should the provider agree, a student might choose to enter into a formal psychotherapeutic relationship (with a contract, treatment goals, etc.) with the SE™ provider they have chosen to work with if that is in their scope of practice; however, this is not required for the purposes of EQUUSOMA® training.

Consultations are different from personal sessions, and consist of consulting with an approved provider to discuss the integration of EQUUSOMA® into my professional scope of practice (e.g., case work, reviewing concepts).

I understand and agree that all my sessions and consultations with personal session and consultation providers are undertaken at my own risk. I understand that Sarah Schlote and the Schlote Psychotherapy Professional Corporation do not monitor, control, influence, or regulate approved providers. I hereby release Sarah Schlote and the Schlote Psychotherapy Professional Corporation and their related parties from any and all liability or responsibility for any acts or omissions of any provider and any claims related thereto. I understand that Sarah Schlote and the Schlote Psychotherapy Professional Corporation makes no representations or warranties about the characteristics or quality of the services I may receive.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND COPYRIGHT

I understand that Sarah Schlote and the Schlote Psychotherapy Professional Corporation are the exclusive owners and licensee of all materials utilized in the training, including but not limited to all printed, audio, video, digital, online, and other materials ("Materials"), with the exception of specific items that are being used under special licensing permission from Somatic Experiencing® International. These Materials also include all duplicates, reproductions, and derivatives of the Materials, as well as any materials, research, books, articles, and other works of authorship, as well as products and services, created by Sarah Schlote and the Schlote Psychotherapy Professional Corporation. Sarah Schlote and the Schlote Psychotherapy Professional Corporation retain all rights to all intellectual property utilized, developed, or referenced in the training or other events and Materials, including but not limited to the copyrights in the Materials and all associated trademarks. No Materials or any portion thereof are sold or otherwise transferred, and Sarah Schlote and the Schlote Psychotherapy Professional Corporation do not sell, give, grant or transfer any title, ownership right, or interest in or to any of the Materials.

I agree to not share any intellectual property belonging to Sarah Schlote, the Schlote Psychotherapy Professional Corporation, training assistants, approved providers, and other students and faculty in the program without their written permission. The only exception to this parameter is using the EQUUSOMA® handouts that were developed to be shared with clients (e.g., describing certain concepts, frameworks, etc.). I agree that I will not make these materials publicly available on the internet (whether from my website, social media, or other file sharing service).

Audiovisual/media: I understand that unauthorized recordings (audio, video, or otherwise) and photographs are not permitted at any EQUUSOMA® event. I agree to not disclose, duplicate, reproduce, publish, or distribute to any third party any information or materials related to any EQUUSOMA® event. I agree that Sarah Schlote and the Schlote Psychotherapy Professional Corporation will not be liable or responsible for any unauthorized recording or photography of EQUUSOMA® trainings or related events, or use or exploitation thereof. I understand that there is a separate audiovisual and media release pertaining to authorized media related to EQUUSOMA® events.



TRADEMARK

The following information pertains to the EQUUSOMA® and Somatic Experiencing® trademarks:

Somatic Experiencing® is a registered trademark of the Foundation for Human Enrichment (administered through Somatic Experiencing® International), in the US, Canada, and other countries. Individuals who are in the process of completing (or who have completed) the EQUUSOMA® training program may not call themselves Somatic Experiencing® Practitioners or claim that they are trained in or offering Somatic Experiencing® unless they have successfully completed that training as well. The two processes are separate. It is, however, possible to explain that EQUUSOMA® itself is a paradigm that is grounded in Somatic Experiencing®. SEI has advised that terms like "Equine-Assisted Somatic Experiencing®" constitute trademark infringement and are not permitted. Individuals who are not trained in EQUUSOMA® but have taken or completed Somatic Experiencing® training and have the requisite additional scopes of practice could describe their work as "Somatic Experiencing® and equine-assisted psychotherapy" or "Somatic Experiencing® with horses" or "Somatic Experiencing®-based horsemanship", and so on.

EQUUSOMA® is a registered trademark of the Sarah Schlote and the Schlote Psychotherapy Professional Corporation in Canada, the United States, the European Union, and Australia. Individuals who are in the process of completing (or have completed) the Somatic Experiencing® training program may not call themselves EQUUSOMA® Practitioners or claim that they are trained in or offering EQUUSOMA® unless they have successfully completed that training as well. The two processes are separate. Individuals who are trained in Somatic Experiencing® and offer equine-involved services of various kinds may not call their work EQUUSOMA® unless they have undertaken the EQUUSOMA® training specifically. An individual who has not taken EQUUSOMA® training but has read about the model and tries to incorporate its principles into their work may indicate that they use certain skills and frameworks inspired by EQUUSOMA®, but cannot claim to be "trained" in the method or claim to offer EQUUSOMA® sessions.

I understand that I may face legal action if I engage in copyright or trademark infringement, whether in regards to the stipulations outlined above, using the Materials or other proprietary information to create or offer a similar professional training, choosing a name that bears resemblance to or is easily confused with, the EQUUSOMA® trademark, or other infringements.

If I have created and deliver my own professional development training program that is separate from EQUUSOMA®, I will ensure that the distinctions between it and EQUUSOMA® are clear to reduce student confusion. I will not promote my program as being affiliated with EQUUSOMA® other than indicating my involvement with EQUUSOMA® in my biography or resume. I acknowledge that my student or Practitioner status with EQUUSOMA® is not an endorsement of my independent offerings.

LICENSING

The EQUUSOMA® training is offered with the licensing approval of Somatic Experiencing® International. EQUUSOMA® students and Practitioners, faculty, faculty in training, assistants, and approved providers are granted a revocable license to use the methods and materials in the context of their direct client work (sessions, lessons, group workshops, private intensives, etc.), with proper citation. Completing EQUUSOMA® training does not allow people to provide training in EQUUSOMA® to others or to use EQUUSOMA® training materials in developing their own training, as this would constitute both trademark and copyright infringement. A formal faculty train the trainer (mentoring) process must be completed to obtain a license to teach EQUUSOMA®.

Individuals who wish to provide an introductory presentation about EQUUSOMA® to inform others about the model and how they incorporate it in their work must submit a request to info@equusoma.com to obtain approval of their presentation materials and licensing approval at least 1 month prior to the date of the presentation. A licensing fee applies to those wishing to provide



such presentations. I acknowledge that the Schlote Psychotherapy Professional Corporation reserves the right to approve or deny any application for a license, and that these these licenses are revocable at the sole and unfettered discretion of Sarah Schlote and the Schlote Psychotherapy Professional Corporation.

PUBLIC REPRESENTATION

I agree to appear and act in a professional manner at all times while participating at EQUUSOMA® events and/or interacting with EQUUSOMA® students, faculty, staff, assistants, approved providers, and other representatives, both within and outside each event.

I will abide by common professional standards around how I represent or advertise my professional services. This includes being truthful, accurate, and clear in my description of my services and areas of expertise. I will not make deceptive statements about my training, credentials, professional memberships, services, fees, success rates, education, experience, affiliations, publications, media presentations, and other descriptions pertaining to myself and my practice. I will be particularly careful around misusing neuroscience or pseudoscience information in order to influence potential clients. I will clearly state my level of EQUUSOMA® training and my scope of practice.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

I will at all times be a fully paid and up-to-date member of a professional association maintaining an industry-standard code of ethics and/or standards of practice, **AND/OR** I will at all times maintain a fully paid and up-to-date professional license/registration with an applicable licensing or regulatory body. If I am a student within a particular professional scope of practice while also being a student in EQUUSOMA®, I will ensure that I abide by industry standards pertaining to my status as a student within my intended profession. If my profession is newer and has yet to create a professional association or regulatory/licensing body, I will research relevant ethics and standards that apply to similar professions and abide by these to the best of my ability. If I do not have a professional scope of practice within which to integrate EQUUSOMA®, I will seek one out and I understand that I may not be permitted to begin and complete the training and designation process until a scope of practice has been identified and developed.

I understand that I am responsible for ensuring that I have adequate professional insurance to cover the inclusion of EQUUSOMA® within my scope of practice.

I understand that attending the training does not ensure that all methods, principles or techniques taught within EQUUSOMA® will be appropriate for inclusion in my professional practice. I acknowledge that this training will not qualify me to be a trauma therapist, Somatic Experiencing® Practitioner, or equine professional, and that I am responsible for operating within my professional scope of practice and for abiding by provincial/state and federal laws.

Sarah Schlote and the Schlote Psychotherapy Professional Corporation make no promises or guarantees as to the recognition, regulation or accreditation of EQUUSOMA®, the title "EQUUSOMA® Practitioner", or any such designation within any jurisdiction in Canada or abroad.

EXPENSES AND FEES

I understand and agree that I am responsible for my own expenses, such as meals, lodging, travel, and other expenses related to attending EQUUSOMA® events. In the event that an event is cancelled, or if I withdraw from an event, Sarah Schlote and the Schlote Psychotherapy Professional Corporation shall not be held responsible for any of my incurred expenses or lost wages.

I have read and agree to the online training details, payment and cancellation policy outlined on the website (<https://equusoma.com>) and in the EQUUSOMA® Policy Manual – Student and Practitioner Edition (October 2022).



Service pricing: I understand that faculty members/mentees, assistants, and approved providers set their own fees when offering services to students (such as make up time, personal SE™ sessions, and consultations), which reflect their respective degrees of experience and expertise, expenses, cost of living, and be comparable to other professionals offering similar services in their geographic regions. I understand that a common fee may be agreed upon by the providers during a given training module or practical intensive, that some providers must charge tax, and that providers may resume charging their regular rate after that particular module or intensive is over. I understand that some team members may not currently have space available and there may be a waitlist involved in accessing services that are offered on a sliding scale or that are offered pro bono (without a fee).

POTENTIAL RISKS

I understand that events that have trauma and equines as a focus are not risk free. The same elements that contribute to the unique character and enhance the learning potential and benefits of such experiences can also lead to possible challenges. These include but are not limited to the following:

Personal Process

- Trainings that focus on trauma, attachment ruptures, or other challenging life experiences may trigger feelings or body sensations that may be uncomfortable. This can occur as a result of the process of learning the material, from hearing about other peoples' experiences (even if sharing is contained), from participation in exercises, or from your own past experiences.
- Trainings that focus on the safe and effective use of self typically include an experiential focus that encourages participants to reflect and work on how the material affects them personally. This is to support self-awareness, self-regulation, integration, attunement and embodiment.
- Group-oriented activities involve varying degrees of social engagement, personal disclosure and interpersonal contact that may feel uncomfortable for people who are neurodivergent and/or who have experienced trauma, social anxiety, or interpersonal ruptures.
- Re-enactments of trauma patterns can occur in training situations, such as when students have a transference response towards a faculty member or mentee, training assistant, or approved provider (e.g., projecting expectations or repeating familiar relational patterns or themes stemming from past unmet needs or hurts, whether personal, ancestral, or collective). This can result in conflicts that are driven by survival activation that, if left unexamined, can affect learning and one's perspective of the training. Such re-enactments may also be uncomfortable for team members, and may require follow up consultation support.
- Mistakes can occur when students practice applying concepts or techniques learned in the training with people and animals. This is a normal part of any learning curve. Students are encouraged to make use of the required consultation hours to continue to support their learning, as well as to complete the personal sessions, assigned readings, and other requirements in order to help integrate the material. Faculty members and mentees, assistants, and approved providers are also encouraged to seek out consultation from the faculty team as required to ensure ongoing competency.
- Research and anecdotal evidence indicate that stress and trauma can have an impact on a developing foetus. Attending a trauma training could unexpectedly bring someone into contact with their own unresolved trauma, which could have an impact on a developing foetus or could exacerbate complex health symptoms if left unaddressed. Also, a person's resilience can sometimes be diminished as a result of serious health issues or the physical and emotional effort of pregnancy, resulting in greater vulnerability or a reduced capacity to explore the complex topic of trauma without feeling overwhelmed. The opposite may also be true, where attending such a training may result in learning skills that help reduce such impacts and support resilience. If you have significant unresolved trauma, are currently facing a crisis, are pregnant, or have other



serious health conditions, we encourage you to discuss the training with a qualified health care provider prior to confirming or postponing your involvement.

Farm Settings, Animals, and Livestock

- Equines are powerful animals that may jump, run, buck, kick, bite, nip, or step on people or things, resulting in destruction of property, physical injury, permanent disability, or death. Although students are not directly exposed to equines during the Level 1 online modules, supporting faculty, mentees, or training assistants might be out in their herds for the purposes of facilitating an online experience with equines during EQUUSOMA® modules. I also understand that Level 2+ practical intensives take place in person with equines and other animals, whether at my own facility or an independent facility. I understand that care and awareness must be exercised around livestock, pets, and wildlife.
- Equipment may fail and weather or terrain conditions can change, which can be dangerous.
- EQUUSOMA® events are usually held in rural locations and that, if injuries or illness occur, it may be a considerable distance to doctors, hospitals, or any other type of assistance.
- Appropriate protective footwear (closed-toed shoes or boots) and clothing are required.

Communicable Diseases

- In-person EQUUSOMA® events with animals may expose faculty members and mentees, assistants, approved providers, students, and other supporters to communicable diseases, including zoonotic diseases, especially if these events are held at an international location that has particular risks for infection (which may require travel vaccinations).
- In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, governments and health agencies have recommended physical distancing and other preventative measures to reduce the risk of infection. As of the latest update of this agreement (October 2022), many such measures have been loosened or terminated. However, anyone attending EQUUSOMA® events will follow any new mandatory directives for standard precautions, personal safety, and public safety (including exposure and self-isolation protocols) that health authorities might implement between now and the end of any event. The event format and requirements for completion may need to be adapted or the event itself may need to be postponed or rescheduled if any new directives or restrictions are implemented by health authorities before or during an event.
- At EQUUSOMA® events, masks are currently not required, (as of October 2022) but anyone who wishes to wear one may do so. Physical distancing is recommended, but may at times be difficult to implement fully due to the nature of these events. We will engage in appropriate cleaning and sanitizing of frequently touched areas and objects. However, we cannot guarantee that you will not become infected with COVID-19 or other communicable or zoonotic diseases at the event.
- No one will attend an event if they have had either a positive COVID-19 test result or any of the following symptoms of illness (fever, chills, shortness of breath, sore throat, difficulty breathing, or coughing) in the week prior to the start of the event. If either of these occur, I understand that I may only attend if I have a doctor's note conforming my recovery or a negative test result. If any such symptoms arise during an event, or if someone tests positive during an event, they will withdraw from the event and advise the facilitation team of their health symptoms or status.

I understand that potential harm may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, EQUUSOMA® employees, agents, contractors, and other representatives, students/participants, and other staff or workers. I confirm that I have read and considered the above risks and I freely and voluntarily assume any such risks as set out above, or any other risks which may not be presently known.



SOLICITATION

I agree, while in attendance at in-person or online EQUUSOMA® events, that I will not advertise or promote trainings, seminars, workshops, newsletters, or any other goods and services for myself or on behalf of any other individual or entity without prior written permission of the Schlote Psychotherapy Professional Corporation. The Schlote Psychotherapy Professional Corporation reserves the right to approve or deny any such request at its own discretion. I may, of course, share a business card or professional contact information to facilitate communication with other students and team members.

TERMINATION OF TRAINING

The EQUUSOMA® training presumes participants have a mature level of interpersonal competency, good communication skills, and sufficient self-regulation skills to manage their own needs during the program.

I acknowledge that the Schlote Psychotherapy Professional Corporation reserves the right to approve or deny any application to be a student, EQUUSOMA® Practitioner, assistant, approved provider, or faculty member/mentee, may revoke approval at any time, and approve or deny the participation of any person at any event, in its sole and unfettered discretion, with or without cause, and in accordance with its policies and/or the law. I acknowledge and agree that any revocation of approval or right to participate in any event does not give rise to any losses or damages at law, and I further acknowledge and agree that I shall not commence any action, application, or claim, or attempt to recover any such losses or damages.

In the event that Sarah Schlote or the Schlote Psychotherapy Professional Corporation or their authorized representatives request that I discontinue my participation or involvement with the training, I will immediately leave the training and the premises (or virtual platform) where the training is being held. I understand that I may receive follow-up post-event to debrief what occurred and to discuss next steps.

I understand that due to the nature of the EQUUSOMA® training, I may be required to complete additional steps before achieving a particular training level or completing the entire process and obtaining the EQUUSOMA® Practitioner designation. Progression through the steps as outlined (which may be subject to change) is not a guarantee of completion, as every student will integrate the material at different rates based on their nervous system and learning capacity. Any additional requirements will be considered on a case-by-case basis to support individual needs.

If Sarah Schlote or the Schlote Psychotherapy Professional Corporation revokes the approval of a personal session or consultation provider, they will immediately inform their existing student clients of their change in status and cease signing log forms. All sessions and consultations that were completed prior to the revoking of approval will still count towards the certificate requirements.

WAIVER AND INDEMNIFICATION

I will at all times indemnify and hold harmless Sarah Schlote and the Schlote Psychotherapy Professional Corporation and their officers, directors, agents, successors, and assigns (including facility owners and owners of participating equines) (collectively referred to as "**The Releasees**") from and against any and all claims, actions, damages, costs, and expenses (including reasonable lawyers' fees) related to *my acts or omissions* in providing services using EQUUSOMA® as a student or in a professional capacity as an EQUUSOMA® Practitioner.

I agree to forever indemnify, release and hold harmless the Releasees from all claims, demands, causes of action, damages, losses, injuries, and expenses arising out of or resulting from my experience in the EQUUSOMA® program/events. I further agree to release, acquit and covenant not to claim against the Releasees for all actions, causes of actions, damages, or damages in law including negligence, or remedies in equity of whatever kind.



I hereby waive any and all rights I may now or ever have to make any such claims. I hereby agree that if the Releasee is forced to defend any action, lawsuit or litigation initiated by me, my agents, successors, assigns or my executors or heirs whether on their own behalf or on my behalf, I agree to pay all associated legal fees, disbursements and costs on a full-indemnity basis.



SUMMARY

I confirm that this agreement is the only agreement between me and the Schlote Psychotherapy Professional Corporation regarding my participation in EQUUSOMA® events as a student and use of EQUUSOMA® as a Practitioner, and that this agreement supersedes any other similar agreement, and cannot be modified except in writing by the Schlote Psychotherapy Professional Corporation. This agreement is binding upon me and my heirs, executors, administrators, and legal representatives. This agreement is governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario (Canada) and any dispute arising from this agreement or my relationship with the Schlote Psychotherapy Professional Corporation shall be submitted to binding arbitration in Guelph, Ontario. Any resulting decision may be entered and issued in a court of competent jurisdiction.

I confirm that I am fully capable of participating in human-equine interaction activities. I have read the above statement on some of the possible risks and feel that the possible benefits to myself are greater than the risks assumed. I also understand that no amount of caution, experience or instruction can eliminate all of the emotional and physical risks involved. I freely accept and fully assume all such risks.

I agree to be responsible for voicing my needs and concerns in a timely manner so that the training team can address them to the best of their ability. I will inform the training team of any limits with respect to my ability to safely engage in the event or specific activities, known to or reasonably foreseen by me, so that the team can support me to the best of their abilities. I also understand that the Schlote Psychotherapy Professional Corporation and its representatives reserve the right to refuse any person they deem incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of faculty members or mentees, training assistants, approved providers, or students and Practitioners.

Informed consent is essential and out of my right to self-determination. I choose to participate in the EQUUSOMA® program and related events voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and I agree to all the terms and conditions outlined in this agreement while a student in the program and/or when acting in a professional role as an EQUUSOMA® Practitioner.

I acknowledge that I have read this agreement in full, that I fully understand its terms and the risks associated therewith, that I agree to abide by the stipulations above, and that I have signed voluntarily and freely without any inducement, assurance, guarantee or representation being made.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Witness Name: _____

Witness Signature: _____

Date: _____