

# SI Somatic Coach Certification Program Student Agreement

## **Wholehearted Participation and Engagement in the Learning Community**

We are excited to welcome you onto the path of learning and discovery ahead. One of the most significant determinants of your success in the SI Somatic Coach Certification Program is your commitment to your own learning. By opting into this course of study, you agree to participate fully in all four in-person sessions and to complete the work assigned between sessions, including: attending individual mentor coaching sessions, group mentor coaching calls, and methodology supervision calls, working with practice clients and providing documentation of these sessions, as well as completing all reading and written reflection assignments.

## **Strozzi Institute Students, Referrals, and Learning Community**

As an SI student, you will be studying within a well-established network of learners. SI has an extensive network of business clients, current students and graduates, coaching clients, and non-profit clients. This range of participants allows our students to study within a strong and diverse community of learners who bring expertise in a variety of domains.

We encourage you to become an active member of the SI learning community. We request, however, that you do not use the SI learning community as a referral source for your private business. This includes refraining from marketing and selling your services to other SI students, unless specifically requested by an individual. We further request that you do not send promotional materials regarding your services to fellow students and/or the SI community. Our students divulge their names and addresses to us in good faith, please respect their usage. Requests for services, coaching, and/or consulting made within the SI learning community should go through SI for placement with an appropriate SI Associate. Thank you in advance for your consideration and respect.

## Keeping Positive and Generative Relationships with SI

SI is committed to keeping positive and generative relationships with our students and coaches. We are very open to conversations with you about your assessments and any concerns you may have. To keep the integrity of the learning community and a mutually beneficial relationship, we request that you speak to us directly about any ideas or breakdowns you have within the learning community, with SI, or any of our staff or teachers. By speaking to us directly, we can take action to address the situation. Our commitment is to develop long-term relationships with our students and community members in which we can all support each other. We appreciate your participation in generating a positive ethic.

## SI Materials and Intellectual Property

The materials, practices, and distinctions you learn at SI are the intellectual property of SI. Because you are a student that will be certified through our Certification Program, we understand that you will use the materials of the SI discourse in your professional offer. Once certified, the SI Somatic Coach Certification offers you the use papers, handouts, practices and distinctions you have learned at SI with your one-on-one clients, and coaching groups of 5 people or less, that are not within the context an organization or corporation.

In order to respect the discourse and distinctions that SI has developed we ask of you the following:

- Please discuss with SI your usage of the materials, practices and distinctions you learn through this discourse if you desire to use it with groups, in trainings or with companies or organizations. It may be appropriate for you to be in a licensing agreement with SI. Please contact Stephanie Meux [stephanie@strozziinstitute.com](mailto:stephanie@strozziinstitute.com) for further conversation.
- Please respect SI's copyrights, trademarks, written materials and all intellectual property rights. Do not reproduce or distribute SI's materials without the permission of SI.
- Please credit SI where appropriate for developing the Somatic process that you practice. Assign publication credit to SI in proportion to SI's contribution and in accordance with the customary professional publication practices. An SI Logo is available for use.

## Ethics and Standards of SI Certification

Once SI Certified, you will not condone or engage in discrimination, or refuse professional service to anyone on the basis of race, gender, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation, disability, socioeconomic or marital status, and will make reasonable efforts to accommodate clients who have physical disabilities.

Do not coach or consult client(s) when under the influence, or when the client is under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.

Maintain confidentiality about your client(s) concerns, not revealing any information about your client(s) to other parties, except where permission is given in writing. We will provide you with a Practice Client Agreement to be used with your practice client.

Maintain appropriate professional boundaries and do not engage in sexual relations with client(s) or client's spouse or partner, during the course of the coaching relationship and for 1 year beyond the termination of the coaching agreement.

Wear professional attire when working with client(s), congruent with the usual and customary attire of their cultural and geographical location.

Refer client(s) for other services beyond your own competence as determined by your education, training and experience (e.g. psychotherapy, financial planning, legal advice, etc.)

Consult, associate, and collaborate with other professionals where beneficial to the client, when approved in writing by the client.

Seek appropriate education for your personal and professional development to maintain a high standard of professional competence. Remain abreast of developments in your field.

Our commitment is to support your development in becoming a skilled and competent Somatic Coach. In the case that you do not fulfill the SI standards to be certified as an SI Somatic Coach, you will be given the option to develop a program of study to fulfill these criteria.

## ICF Accreditation

Our Somatic Coach Certification Program (SISC), is designed in alignment with the International Coaching Federation (ICF) criteria. SISC program is ACTP accredited. Students who participate in the ICF add-on will receive 163.5 coach training credits. For more information about ICF go to their website at:

<http://www.coachfederation.org>

## ICF Certification

In the event that a student does not pass the final coaching performance evaluation for the International Coaching Federation, the student will be given the opportunity to re-take the exam one month from the date they were notified that they did not pass. During that month, we encourage you to talk with your Mentor Coach to create a plan that will allow you to successfully pass the re-take. If after a second attempt, your evaluators do not feel that you are demonstrating the competency required for certification, you will be given a grade of “incomplete” and will have two choices:

- You may request a letter from SI stating that you attended all sessions of the program and completed the student contact hours necessary to apply for an ICF credential through the portfolio process. You will receive a letter of completion from SI but not a Strozzi Institute Coaching Certificate.
- You may contract with a credentialed ICF coach at your expense to mentor you and work with you to be able to demonstrate the PCC level competency of the ICF Coaching Core Competencies and retake the final exam within 6 months from the date of your last session. Your instructors will provide you a list of qualified mentor coaches. If you pass the exam, you will receive the Strozzi Institute Coaching Certificate.

The process for becoming an ICF certified coach requires that individuals satisfy a number of requirements, including fulfilling the required hours of instruction through an accredited program, completion of the Coach Knowledge Assessment (CKA) exam, and submitting a Coaching Log demonstrating that you have completed the requisite number of individual coaching hours. Upon accreditation, the SISC will fulfill the educational requirement, however individuals will be responsible for fulfilling and documenting their coaching hours,

and completing the CKA independently. In signing this agreement, you acknowledge that you understand that completion of the SISC program does not, on its own, meet the requirements needed for you to achieve your Individual Coaching credential through ICF. To learn more about applying for your ICF PCC Credential Please visit their website at:

<http://www.coachfederation.org/credential>

### **My agreement below indicates:**

- I have read and understand all aspects of the Certification Program as described in the Student Agreement, including the Ethics and Intellectual Property, the confidentiality agreement and Strozzi Institute's cancel, refund and transfer policies.
- I understand that small group Mentor Coaching calls may be recorded for training purposes or for the use of other members of my small group. I understand that the recordings of my practice client sessions and performance evaluation may be used for SI examiner training purposes.
- I agree to take the actions as required by the program design, including recruiting and completing sessions with practice clients providing documentation of these sessions to SI staff in video and/or audio format, per the guidelines of the program.
- I intend to be an engaged and contributing participant in this program and can be counted on to encourage and support my fellow program participants to do the same.