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## **Quality Assurance Policy for Training governing Student Membership for NIDCAP and APIB Professionals-in-Training**

### **QAT-ITSM**

The NFI governs the conduct and quality of all NIDCAP and APIB training. Professionals certified by the NFI at any of the NFI authorized and certified levels of NIDCAP and APIB training are held to uphold the principles and guidelines of the NFI. Therefore NIDCAP and/or APIB Professionals-in-Training, once in an agreed upon training relationship with an NFI-certified NIDCAP and/or APIB Trainer (or Trainer-in-Training under the guidance of a NIDCAP and/or APIB Master Trainer) shall hold the status of NFI Student Member. It is the respective Trainer's responsibility to inform the NIDCAP or APIB Professional-in-Training and assist the Professional-in-Training and the Site in the activation of the Professional-in-Training's NFI Student Membership. The Trainer furthermore has the responsibility to inform the NFI Executive Director and the Chair of the NFI Membership Committee of the new Student Member's pertinent information, in order to facilitate timely activation of the new Student Membership. The Student Membership entitles the respective Professionals-in-Training to all the benefits that apply to Student Membership, including access to the NFI website's Member Page, which means access to all training documents and NFI Policies; membership in the NFI-sponsored NIDCAP List serve; and an NFI membership pin. Student members will be invoiced the regular annual student membership fee by the NFI Executive Director.

Should Student Members terminate their NIDCAP or APIB training, they no longer qualify to continue as NFI student members and at that point forfeit their membership benefits. Should they continue to stay active in the NFI, yet no longer pursue training, they may qualify for application to NFI membership, depending on the circumstances. This is a separate process and may be pursued once student membership has been terminated.

In cases of financial hardship, application may be made to the NFI Committee on Quality Assurance for reduction in or adjusted payment schedules for student membership fees.

This new Policy QAT-ITSM goes into effect on October 1, 2009 and applies to all current and future NIDCAP and APIB Professionals-in-Training.