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**Professional/professionalism** refers to “a job that requires specialized knowledge and often long and intensive academic preparation.... [the person] exhibiting courteous and conscientious conduct in the workplace.”<sup>10</sup>

**Professional boundaries** are “the parameters that define a safe therapeutic relationship. These parameters set limits for the relationship based on the recognition of the inherent power imbalance, the vulnerability of the patient/client and the responsibilities of the regulated member in the therapeutic relationship. Professional boundaries help the regulated member and the patient/client recognize the difference between therapeutic and personal relationships and avoid potential misunderstanding of words and actions”.

## APPENDIX II. HOW THE ACSLPA CODE OF ETHICS WAS DEVELOPED

The Code of Ethics (2017) project took 11 months to complete. A Code of Ethics Advisory Group (CEAG), composed of representative members of the two professions, was established to provide input into the process. The project involved the following five steps:

1. Preparation of a background document that provided an environmental scan and included: i) a literature review of current trends and best practices in the development of code frameworks; ii) a comparison of codes used by selected health professions; and iii) recommendations for a suitable framework for development of the ACSLPA Code.
2. Development of Draft 1 of the Code.
3. Facilitation of a face-to-face meeting with the CEAG to review Draft 1 of the Code and develop Draft 2.
4. Stakeholder validation of Draft 2 using an electronic survey.
5. Creation of a final Code document and final report.

Revisions to the Code of Ethics (2021) involved a review by the Anti-Racism and Anti-Discrimination Advisory Committee (ARADAC), by a focus group comprised of SLP and audiology regulated members and by ACSLPA staff, followed by a full member voting process. An external stakeholder consultation was then facilitated by Alberta Health prior to final ACSLPA Council approval and adoption.

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<sup>9</sup>Government of Alberta. (2011). *Health Information Act. Guidelines and Practices*.

<sup>10</sup>Merriam-Webster. (2016). *Online Dictionary*.