



“While non-CHT’s are often experienced and well trained, I feel that it is necessary to have a standard level of care and the certification process to ensure quality. In my experience, those with CHT certification are more experienced, more knowledgeable about anatomy and are willing to ‘work outside the box’ with complex patients.”

- Hand Surgeon

“Regardless of the surgeon’s diagnostic acumen, technical competency, or level of enthusiasm for an excellent post-operative outcome, the final functional result is only 50% in the hands of the surgeon. Responsibility for the remaining 50% rests on the CHTs with whom we work daily. Reconstructive hand surgery is a pas de deux between surgeon and therapist, guiding the patient to the best possible restoration of function.”

- Hand Surgeon



The mission of the Hand Therapy Certification Commission, Inc. is to support a high level of competence in hand therapy practice and to advance the specialty through a formal credentialing process. We envision a time when every qualified therapist who treats hand and upper extremity patients will become a Certified Hand Therapist.

“My goal to become a CHT is driven by a desire to be an expert in my field, an aspiration for advanced competency to promote maximal patient care, and a personal dedication to hand therapy.”

- CHT Candidate



“HTCC has established a clear framework that delineates the core skills, knowledge and judgment required to deliver safe and ethical treatment. Maintaining my CHT credential confirms competency in this specialized area and my ongoing commitment to excellence in the practice of hand rehabilitation through life-long learning.”

- CHT Member of HTCC’s Recertification Committee