

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to set out the policy of the Australian Society of Hypnosis (ASH) for recognition of an individual's prior learning to meet the requirements for Full Membership of the Society. The Society has occupational requirements for membership i.e. AHPRA specified health professions plus social work, counselling and speech pathology where particular provisions apply.

It should be emphasised that those who meet the occupational membership requirements of the Society must join as Associate Members before they start the application for and process towards Full Membership. Fees for Associate and Full Membership are currently \$198.00 incl. gst per full financial year. The fee for the application for and processing towards Full Membership is \$165.00 incl gst.

Appropriate professionals can join the Society whether or not they have training in hypnosis. This is usually the case for those joining when they commence the Diploma training conducted by the Society.

Financial Full Members can elect to be listed free of charge on the Referral Sections of state and federal websites and can hold and vote for honorary positions at state and federal level. These privileges are not available to Associate Members.

Background

One of the principal strengths of the Australian Society of Hypnosis has been the range of professional health disciplines represented by its members and the opportunity for these members to interact and learn from each other. It is precisely this trans-professional interaction which has made the Society such an interesting and dynamic organisation.

The principles of training of the Society have always been to provide the broadest range of experience possible for all of its students. This has been achieved by always having a diversity of presenters and trainers from the differing disciplines teaching on every course irrespective of the professions of the members of those courses.

To maintain the principles enunciated above, the Board of Education is philosophically opposed to any course taught by one or two individuals, or any course taught by members of one profession only. No matter how well qualified, how experienced and how skilled are the presenters of a course, if they are of only one profession their experience is necessarily limited to events occurring within that profession.

Students attending such courses have, in the past, been given recognition of prior learning but have been required to undertake further training by members of professions other than that of the teachers of the course they have completed.

The Board of Education holds that the Society should not award Full Membership and/or the Diploma of the Society to graduates from any training course in hypnosis offered by a private individual or individuals or training organisation unless such a course has included lectures, presentations or training by members of at least two other presenters as members of another accepted profession. If this is not the case students of such courses will be required to undertake such further training by members of other professions as the Board in its absolute discretion shall decide from time to time. As a general guideline, that is likely to be at least 12 hours of training by two different presenters from at least one other profession.

Presently “other accepted professions” shall mean the original three professions of the Society (Medicine, Dentistry & Psychology) as the Board recognises the depth of experience of long standing ASH members. With membership recently broadened in all states (except Victoria) to include other registered health professions, as well as social work, speech pathology and counselling, it is expected that in the future members of those professions will have the experience to add to the training of the Society and will be included as accepted trainers.

It should be kept in mind that the Society’s own training program is conducted by a number of trainers from different health professions for a minimum of 72 hours. While supervised practice is done within that training, additional supervision by an experienced Full Member must be completed on a minimum of 10 cases. Continual assessment has been implemented now that the previous examination system has been discontinued. Candidates for the awards for both Diploma and Full Membership must present 2 detailed case reports to be assessed under specified headings, and if these are deemed satisfactory, then pass a 30 minute Viva examination conducted by 2 Full Members of the Society appointed by the Board of Education.

The Society has a list of Fundamental, Core and Elective Segments against which other courses can be checked.

The Society also is developing a Register of Full Members who have experience in training and who are available for conducting training sessions in hypnosis. This will be available in the Members Section on the website www.hypnosisaustralia.org.au

The following courses/training in clinical hypnosis have been reviewed by the Federal Council of the Australian Society of Hypnosis Ltd., and decisions were made about eligibility for Full Membership of the Society AND/OR the award of the Society’s Diploma and any additional requirements that may be necessary.

Michael Yapko’s comprehensive training 2014 - . (Dr Yapko is an American clinical psychologist who regularly conducts training in Australia and has presented at many ASH Congresses).

Those undertaking this program are encouraged to join the Society as Associate members so that they can enjoy the benefits of membership from the outset, e.g. free access to

interstate webinars and reduced fee for the annual conference (congress). Further training is required to a minimum of 12 hours (eg 2 days of 6 hours) with at least 2 different trainers in at least one other approved profession. To go down this assessment path for Full Membership applicants must pay an assessment fee of \$165.00 incl gst, obtain currency on supervision provided by ASH Full Member/s, and by having that supervision on the stipulated 10 cases. They then submit the 2 detailed case reports using the headings set out in the Guidelines. After the case reports are passed, they will be invited to attend a Viva examination.

Success in the Viva leads to the award of the Society's Diploma and Full Membership.

Hypnosis Training Australia (HTA) program 2014 -2016.

Since 2011, Hypnosis Training Australia, in conjunction with CPM Training and Counselling, has adopted continuous assessment and included case histories in its face to face course. Candidates applying for RPL with ASH must join the Society as Associate Members, show documentation of having completed the Hypnosis Training Australia training, been supervised by an ASH Full Member on 10 clients and must submit for assessment 2 detailed case reports using the headings set out in ASH Guidelines. Acceptance here will lead to the Viva, and success in the Viva leads to the award of Diploma and Full Membership. An assessment fee of \$165.00 incl. gst is required for this process. Trainers on this course are all present ASH or past ASH members and include presenters from other accepted professions.

HTA have now developed an Online Clinical Hypnosis Training Course (OCHTC) covering the same syllabus as the face to face one and using the same presenters/trainers. The contents of this on line course have been given RPL towards the ASH Diploma and Full Membership in the same way as it has been given to the face to face program. Students must follow the same process (see above) after they have joined as Associate Members to undertake the process to become Full Members.

Hypnosis Today 2014 – 2016

Now offer a 13 day Diploma in Clinical Hypnosis consisting of 11 days of face to face training by two psychologists who are Full ASH Members, and for which continuous assessment is available. Additionally there are 2 days of on-line training videos which feature presenters from other registered health professions, and for completion of which online and written assignments will be required. Thus the training hours component will have been met.

Candidates applying for RPL with ASH must first join ASH as Associate Members, show documentation of having completed the Hypnosis Today training and been supervised by

an ASH Full Member on 10 clients and must submit for assessment 2 detailed case reports, using the headings set out in ASH Guidelines. Success here will lead to the Viva, and success in the Viva leads to the award of Diploma and Full Membership. An assessment fee of \$165.00 incl gst applies.

Graduate Diploma of Mental Health Science (Clinical Hypnosis) through Melbourne University

This course is no longer conducted, but Graduates of that course will be given Full Membership status on application.

For those wishing also to receive the Society's Diploma, the Graduate Diploma is accepted in lieu of the old ASH written examination, however applicants need to show currency by obtaining supervision on the stipulated 10 cases. They then must submit the 2 detailed case reports, which, if passed, will allow them to present for the Viva. Success in the Viva leads to the award of the Society's Diploma.

Changes to the courses listed above.

Any changes to the courses outlined above need to be submitted to the Board of Education for review and further acceptance of the change/s, e.g. changes reducing the number of hours, not being delivered by ASH Full Members etc.

Other courses will be reviewed.

Applicants not falling into any of the above categories can have their cases referred to the Chair Board of Education, who will review their documentation in consultation with two other Full Members, and if deemed necessary conduct a Viva to determine suitability. The applicant may be required to undergo further specified training as deemed necessary to attain Full Membership. The Chair of the Board of Education then makes a recommendation to Federal Council.

Process

The applicant must first join the Society as an Associate Member, complete the Application for Membership Form on the website, and make payment of \$198.00 for a full year. Then the Application for RPL Form must be submitted to the federal secretariat and the fee of \$165.00 paid.

Contact the Secretary Board of Education for any clarification

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