



European Certified Hand Therapist Recertification

Contribution to Profession / Professional Accomplishments

Professional accomplishments and contributions to the field of Hand Therapy are evaluated based on the criteria listed in the table below. Candidates must obtain a minimum of 30 points, in at least two of the five categories, to qualify for the ECHT recertification. Applicants are required to prepare their recertification application using the categories and point systems listed below. They must provide a detailed listing of the evidence that supports the allocation of these points. Candidates are required to self-evaluate their resume prior to submission. Final evaluation of the submission and evidence rests with the assessors.

Hand Therapy Related Professional Accomplishments and Contributions		
Continuing Education (points per event)		Points awarded
CE	Independent learning activities for example article reading , visits ,peer review (maximum 4 points)	0.5
CE	Attendance at Webinar or online education course , 1-4 hours, with completion of assessment	0.5
CE	Attendance at Hand Therapy continuing education course 1 day (point per day)	1
CE	Attendance at Webinar or online education event, 5-8 hours, with completion of assessment	1
CE	Attendance at national Hand Therapy congress (point per full day of congress)	1
CE	Attendance at international Hand Therapy congress (points per full day of congress)	2
CE	Completion of ongoing educational course (modules) with formal assessment component to obtain certificate	5
CE	Successful completion of university level course	10
CE	Successful completion of university level course with degree (Masters, PhD)	20
Instructional Activity/ Professional Presentations (points per event)		
IA	Complete In-house presentation on Hand Therapy	0.5
IA	Presentation at regional group meeting	0.5
IA	Participant at roundtable discussion at national or international congress	2
IA	Presentation at professional congress / national meeting	3
IA	Presentation at international congress/ meeting	5
IA	Poster at national congress / meeting	1
IA	Poster at international congress / meeting	2
IA	Develop and teach a ½ day Workshop	2
IA	Develop and teach a 1 day Workshop	3
IA	Develop and teach a continuing education course 1-2 days	4
IA	Develop and teach a 3-4 day continuing education course	5
IA	Develop and teach a 5-10 day continuing education course	7
IA	Develop and teach a 11 or more day continuing education course	10
IA	Lecture at university level course 1-3 hours	3
IA	Teach university level hand therapy course 1 full day (points per day of instruction)	5
IA	Coordinator of university level hand therapy program	10



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Research Activity (points per activity)		
RA	Formal audit of clinical practice	2
RA	Assist with research project	2
RA	Design and carry out an in-house research project	5
RA	Design, organize and complete an externally funded research project	10
RA	Design, organize and complete a national multi-center study	20
RA	Design, organize and complete an international multi-center study	30
Publications (points per year or action)		
P	Development of a treatment protocol or guidelines	1
P	Development of an informational pamphlet	1
P	Editor of newsletter (points per year)	2
P	Editor of Journal (points per year)	5
P	Peer-reviewer for peer review journal (points per year)	2
P	Publication of book review or letter to editor in professional journal	2
P	Publication of innovation / literature review/ single case study type article in non-peer reviewed journal professional journal	4
P	Publication of own research in non-peer reviewed journal	6
P	Publication of innovation / literature review/ single case study type article in peer reviewed journal professional journal	5
P	Publication of systematic review in peer reviewed journal	10
P	Publication of own research in peer reviewed journal	15
P	Author / Co-Author of chapter in a book	15
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Professional Organizational Activity (points per year or event)		
OA	Member of regional professional committee	1
OA	Member of national society committee	3
OA	Member of international hand therapy related committee	3
OA	Moderator of scientific session at national or international congress	2
OA	Chair of national committee	6
OA	Chair of international committee	6
OA	Coordinate / organize educational event	3
OA	Promotion of Hand Therapy: participate / organize of community outreach or information program ½ -1 day (example: volunteer at Arthritis Association health fair information booth)	2