

# Australian College of Counselling and Psychotherapy Educators

## Membership Requirements

Direct membership of the Australian College of Counselling and Psychotherapy Educators is included with individual membership of PACFA for counselling and psychotherapy educators. College membership is also open to eligible members of PACFA Member Associations for an annual fee. For details of the fees, see the [Schedule of Fees](#).

**Academic membership** is available to those who:

1. Meet either the training requirements of PACFA or the alternate training pathway set by the College:
  - a) Meet the requirements for Clinical or Provisional membership of PACFA or are PACFA Registrants with an equivalent level of membership with a PACFA Member Association. PACFA membership may be approved via Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) for applicants whose training is assessed as being equivalent to PACFA's requirements.

OR

  - b) For leaders of counselling and/or psychotherapy programs, or researchers in counselling or psychotherapy who do not meet criterion 1a - provide evidence of a relevant qualification at Masters level or higher and demonstrate relevant, continuing contribution to counselling and/or psychotherapy education.\*\*
2. Have work experience and/or training/qualifications relevant to counselling and psychotherapy education:
  - a) Completion of training / qualifications in education (copies of testamurs are required);

AND/OR

  - b) A minimum of two years teaching experience in the field of counselling or psychotherapy or a related field (including research) at 0.5 or greater equivalent full-time teaching load (evidence of work experience such as position descriptions and letters of support from employers or work referees are required).
3. Hold appropriate levels of indemnity insurance subscribed to either by the applicant or employer.
4. Agree to complete 10 hours of Continuing Professional Development related to education / training delivery per annum, in addition to the CPD requirements for PACFA membership or registration.

Acceptable activities include:

  - Performance review process with line manager
  - Relevant workshop participation
  - Facilitation of teaching and learning programs for teaching staff
  - Peer review/reflective process
5. Agree to practice in accordance with the expected ethical standards for educators of counsellors and psychotherapists, which are set out in the PACFA Code of Ethics.

\*\*Members of ACCAPE who enter via training pathway 1(b) are non-voting members of PACFA. They are eligible to nominate for the Leadership Group of ACCAPE but not for the PACFA Board.

**Associate Academic Membership** is available to those who:

- Have an interest in teaching and learning in the counselling and psychotherapy field, or are at the beginning or end of a career in counselling or psychotherapy education and/or research; or
- Are interested in joining the College as they gain more experience in counselling and psychotherapy education.

Associate Members may include:

- Members who are PACFA Interns and are working towards completing the supervised practice hours required for Clinical or Provisional membership of PACFA; and/or
- Members whose training does not meet membership requirements for Full membership of the College but who are involved in some way in the delivery of counselling or psychotherapy training, professional development or education.

Applicants for Associate membership are required to meet Criteria 3, 4 and 5 above.

### **Affiliate Membership**

Affiliate membership of the College is open to Affiliate Members of PACFA and Members of PACFA Member Associations.

Affiliate Membership provides opportunities to network with professionals from the counselling and psychotherapy education field.

Affiliate Members of the College are members who are:

- Interested in counselling and psychotherapy education;
- Retired members who wish to retain a connection with the counselling and psychotherapy education field and to share knowledge and wisdom accumulated over the course of their careers.

### **Life Membership**

Life Membership is a special category for senior members who have made a significant and lasting contribution to counselling and psychotherapy education. Membership is by way of nomination, which requires approval from the College Leadership Group and the PACFA Board.