



ACHIEVING RECOGNIZED PRACTITIONER STATUS

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE THERAPEUTIC TOUCH NETWORK OF ONTARIO

Before starting the *Practitioner Workbook*, you will have completed Level 3 and be a member in good standing. This means that you have paid your membership fee

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

To achieve Recognized Practitioner status, you are required to complete your basic levels, continue your studies, have a minimum of one year's practice and complete the *Practitioner Workbook*.

1. Basic Levels

Complete the basic levels 1, 2, and 3 with a Recognized Teacher:

- a. preferably with the same teacher
- b. for a **minimum** of 24 hours

NOTE: *Given that Therapeutic Touch® is experiential in nature and competency is gained through practise, it is suggested that you allow a wait time of at least six months between Level 1 and Level 3 workshops.*

2. Continuing Studies

Study with **at least one other Recognized Teacher**, completing 32 additional hours of Therapeutic Touch study. These may be:

- a. a repeat of any of the basic levels 1, 2, or 3 with a Recognized Teacher other than your original teacher
- b. an approved Therapeutic Touch workshop as listed under Continuing Education on our website at www.therapeutictouchontario.org
- c. an event approved by the Teacher Liaison Committee as an Education Component for achieving Recognized Practitioner status
- d. it is recommended that a minimum of 8 hours be an advanced/continuing education workshop involving the inner self.

NOTE: *of the 32 additional hours of continued studies, the TTNO Professional Development Day OR Annual Conference may count for a maximum of eight hours.*

3. Practice

- a. A minimum of one year's practice of Therapeutic Touch *after* Level 3 is suggested.
- b. Participation in a TTNO Branch is suggested as being very helpful.
- c. During this time, you may work on your Continuing Studies.

4. Practitioner Workbook

After your first Level 3, you may start to complete the *Practitioner Workbook*, which includes 75 case studies and 10 journal entries.

Important Information about Competency Requirement

Many institutions now consider '**membership in a governing body**' of any modality essential to accepting service from one of its members, even on a volunteer basis. This is a competency issue. The institution assumes that membership in a governing body (e.g., the TTNO) guarantees an education/upgrading/ requalification requirement; hence, the institution does not need to monitor practitioners, including volunteer practitioners, since the relevant governing body is doing so. Our Recognized Practitioner status fulfills that competency requirement. Each year, Recognized Practitioners are asked to complete additional training and keep active in the Therapeutic Touch community to maintain their status and thus their competency.