



MAINTAINING RECOGNIZED PRACTITIONER (RP) STATUS

YOU MUST:

- A. BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING – this means that you have paid your annual membership fee.**
- B. ATTEND A MINIMUM OF FOUR (4) BRANCH MEETINGS PER YEAR WITH A THERAPEUTIC TOUCH® PRACTICUM.**
- C. COMPLETE ONE OR A COMBINATION OF THE EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS LISTED BELOW TO INCLUDE A MINIMUM OF EIGHT (8) HOURS OF STUDY SPECIFIC TO THERAPEUTIC TOUCH:**
 1. Continuing education workshop taught by a Recognized Teacher:
 - a. Basic Levels 1, 2 or 3
 - b. Foundations of Therapeutic Touch® Upgrade (Tune-up)
 - c. Foundations of Therapeutic Touch®
 - d. Transpersonal Nature of Therapeutic Touch®
 - e. Transpersonal Nature of Therapeutic Touch® Upgrade (Tune-up)
 - f. Application of the Inner Processes of Therapeutic Touch®
 2. Attend a TTNO-approved Therapeutic Touch® (TT) workshop or retreat
Refer to the TTNO website at www.therapeutictouchontario.org/Continuing Education or contact a member of the Practitioner Liaison Committee or the TTNO office.
 3. Attend and/or facilitate a Professional Development Day (PDD)
Note to Teachers: If a PDD is used for maintaining Recognized Practitioner status, the same PDD cannot be used for maintaining Recognized Teacher status.
 4. Attend an event approved by the Teacher Liaison Committee as an Educational Component.
 - a. Regional Teachers Day (not all Regional Teachers Days can be used for maintaining)
 - b. Conference Teachers Day
 - c. Annual Conference—must attend the full TTNO annual conference with the inclusion of a practicum
 5. Therapeutic Touch® event or workshop outside the province of Ontario.
 6. Review a TTNO-approved Therapeutic Touch resource and submit a review to the designated TTNO Reviewer(s). Contact the Practitioner Liaison Chair (or designate) for information.
 - a. The designated TTNO reviewer and Recognized Practitioner (RP) will agree upon the resource and set the timeline for completion.
 - b. Review questions will be provided.
 - c. It is not recommended that this option be used more than two consecutive years except under extenuating circumstances.

D. COMPLETE A MINIMUM OF TWO (2) OR MORE OF THE THERAPEUTIC TOUCH ACTIVITIES LISTED BELOW:

1. Attend four additional Branch meetings per year where TT sessions are exchanged
2. Write a submission for *inTouch*
3. Participate/present on behalf of Therapeutic Touch at a community event (i.e., health fair, Therapeutic Touch Awareness Week event)
4. Offer Therapeutic Touch sessions on a regular basis (i.e., hospice, long term care, hospital)
5. Serve on a TTNO committee
6. Participate in a TT study or research
7. Serve as a mentor to a workbook practitioner
8. Regularly supervise workbook practitioner case studies (three to five session/year)
9. An additional educational component (i.e., workshop or retreat)

E. CONTINUE YOUR PRACTICE OF THERAPEUTIC TOUCH:

The following are suggestions only:

1. Offer at least four sessions per month – a total of 48 sessions per calendar year
2. Receive Therapeutic Touch sessions on a regular basis
3. Regularly evaluate and improve your skills in Therapeutic Touch
4. Continue a program of self-healing and personal growth
5. Pursue a regular reading program of Therapeutic Touch texts and articles.

There are often extenuating circumstances where a Recognized Practitioner may not have fulfilled the annual requirements to maintain RP status. However, they may have completed more than the minimum educational requirements in the previous year. These 'extra' workshops may be applied to the current year at the discretion of the Practitioner Liaison Committee.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT COMPETENCY

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.