

## **Pathway to full membership**

Our aspiration is for a nationally accredited therapeutic horticulture course but until that occurs THA is enabling a flexible pathway for practitioners to achieve full membership. There is no time limit to completing this pathway but members must demonstrate consistent engagement with therapeutic horticulture practices.

Pathway to **full membership level B** – a relevant qualification (see full membership requirements on THA website) plus **120 hours** therapeutic horticulture experience.

or

Pathway to **full membership level C** – **400 hours** of demonstrated therapeutic horticulture experience.

Evidenced by examples collated in a portfolio as shown below.

Acceptable evidence:

### **1. Completing a Therapeutic Horticulture Course.**

While THA does not endorse any therapeutic horticulture course we will recognise the nominal hours of a therapeutic horticulture course, short course or workshop undertaken by a member until we have a nationally accredited Therapeutic Horticulture course.

### **2. Working or volunteering in a therapeutic horticulture setting.**

- Provide name and location of work/volunteering place or for private clients provide client number (rather than names) and/or project name
- Number of hours undertaken in therapeutic horticulture practice
- Brief description of TH activities undertaken (dot points are acceptable)
- Signed off by person of authority/supervisor or statutory declaration if self-employed

### **3. Attendance at a THA webinar (1 hour for each one attended) –**

- If possible provide registration receipt or provide the name of the webinar attended.

### **4. Attendance at THA Conference (8 hours)**

- Provide conference registration receipt
- Hours attending any optional tours that are offered with the conference may also be counted.

### **5. Volunteering on a THA subcommittee for a period of 12 months** (record hours of attendance)

- Attendance is required at every meeting unless chair accepts your apology.

### **6. Volunteering on the THA National Committee for a period of 12 months** (record hours of attendance)

- Attendance is required at every meeting unless chair accepts your apology.

**7. Presenting a webinar for THA or a presentation at a THA conference** (record time to closest 30mins)

One way of presenting your portfolio is by creating a summarised table (as below) and attaching copies of your certificates and receipts etc.

**Table 1. Example portfolio summary**

Dates	Location/project or client number	Total No. of hours	Brief description of activities/evidence	Demonstrated/Validated by
25 February 2022	THA webinar Mental Health in the Top End	1	Webinar	Registration receipt provided
20 March 2022 to 20 June 2022	Frangipani Garden Village	24	volunteering/working with residents – propagating, seed sowing, vegetable garden and garden craft activities	Name: Position: Contact no. Signature
July to November 2021	therapeutic horticulture course	70	name of course and provider	provide certificate of completion and official nominal course hours
Jan to December 2022	member of THA sub-committee	25	attend subcommittee meetings and associated tasks	provide record of hours and name of subcommittee