

Requirements for full membership

Pathways to full membership: THA's aspiration is for a nationally accredited therapeutic horticulture course. Until that occurs, THA is enabling a flexible pathway for practitioners to achieve full membership through demonstrated consistent engagement with therapeutic horticulture practices/learning. The following template can be utilised to record applicants' evidence for full membership or as a recording tool for those wishing to progress to full membership.

Membership Levels

Level A: Dual Qualifications* held in Horticulture and Allied Health/Social Services (*minimum AQF level 3). We will require certified copies of these qualifications.

Level B: A Qualification* held in either Horticulture OR Allied Health/Social services **PLUS** evidence of 120 hours of validated therapeutic horticulture work experience and/or learning. *Minimum AQF level 3 (For example a Cert III qualification through TAFE).

Level C: Evidence of 400 hours of validated therapeutic horticulture work experience and/or learning.

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:
 - a. Provide name and location of work/volunteering place/program name/number of participants
 - b. Number of hours undertaken in therapeutic horticulture practice
 - c. Brief description of TH activities undertaken (dot points are acceptable)
 - d. Signed off by a referee (for example, supervisor or colleague).
3. Attendance at a THA webinar. If possible, provide registration receipt or provide the name of the webinar attended.
4. Attendance at THA Conference: 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).
6. Presenting a webinar for THA or a presentation at a THA conference.

Evidence of therapeutic horticulture experience template

THA have an “Evidence of Therapeutic Horticulture Experience” template for Level B & C members and applicants to complete in order to demonstrate their 120/400 hours experience/learning. Please contact membership@tha.org.au if you would like to have an editable copy of the template sent to you or if you have any questions.

The following is an example of how an applicant can record their “acceptable evidence” information:

Dates	Program name & location/number of participants/Training/THA event	Brief description of activities	Total hours	Validated by
25/02/22	THA webinar Mental Health in the Top End	Webinar	1	Evidence of registration of event provided
20/03-20/06/22	Frangipani Garden Village	Volunteering/working with residents – propagating, seed sowing, vegetable garden and garden craft activities	24	Name: Jo Bloom Position: Manager Contact details (email/phone): 0400 123 456 Signature: X
1/07 – 30/11/21	Therapeutic Horticulture course	Name of course and provider	70	Provide certificate of completion and official nominal course hours.
01/01 – 30/12/22	Member of THA sub-committee	Attended subcommittee meetings and associated tasks	25	Name of sub-committee chairperson

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