

Criteria for becoming a Fellow of the Society of Professional Social Workers June 2010

The following establishes a procedure whereby a member is eligible to be recognized as a Fellow of the Society of Professional Social Workers.

It entails engaging in on-going continuing professional education (CPE) related to a member's professional practice through a range of alternative paths. These are set out below.

Upon meeting the eligibility criteria for joining SPSW and completing the application requirements, a social worker is recognized as a *member* of SPSW.

In order to qualify as a Fellow, the social worker must accrue at least 100 CPE points during a given membership year and provide documentation of such to SPSW through an SPSW CPE log that will be available to all members.

Points may be accrued in at least 3 of the 9 separate categories as set out below: At least 50% of the points accrued must come from attending face to face training or engaging in post graduate education. For those in remote areas for their entire membership year, 35% of their CPE points will need to be accrued from face to face training.

Members are required to keep their CPE logs for at least 3 years as 5% of the membership will be audited annually to ensure that they have undertaken the required CPE to qualify for recognition as a Fellow of SPSW. At time of membership renewal members must provide SPSW with a statutory declaration that they have completed the required CPE.

Points accrued are as follows:

1. Attending professional training – 1 point for every hour of training (excluding morning/afternoon tea/lunch). Double points – i.e. 2 points per hour for training presented or sponsored by SPSW
2. Post Graduate Education – 10 points for each course successfully completed – (i.e. passed the courses)
3. Presenting non work related training – 7 points for a half day presentation, 14 points for a full day
4. Reading professional literature/research – 1 point per journal article; 5 points for a professional book
5. Publishing a professional article – in a refereed journal – 15 points; in a non refereed journal – 5 points
6. Presenting a paper at a conference – at a conference where papers are chosen by a refereed process – 10 points; non refereed – 5 points
7. Undertaking professional research or making a professional submission– 10 points
8. Supervision of Social Work Students – 10 points per student per semester
9. Attendance at a conference – 1 point for every hour of professional content – i.e. excludes lunches, morning and afternoon teas and social activities of the conference.

Note: no points granted for work required activities – i.e. research that is part of your job, submissions that are job required etc).

All SPSW sponsored activities accrue double CPE points.

All members of SPSW will be presented a membership certificate and a membership card that recognizes them as a Fellow of the Society for Professional Social Workers.