

Addiction Counsellors of Ireland Membership Criteria

This document outlines the five different grades of membership of the Addiction Counsellors of Ireland CLG, the conditions attaching to these grades including annual registration, and how to apply for membership.

MEMBERSHIP GRADES

1. Associate.
2. Pre-accredited.
3. Accredited.
4. Inactive.
5. Accredited Clinical Supervisor.

1. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Associate Membership is open to anyone who supports the aims of the Addiction Counsellors of Ireland CLG.

The benefits of Associate Membership include:

- 1.1 Receipt of on-going information relevant to the Association.
- 1.2 Notification of seminars and workshops.
- 1.3 Inclusion on the Association's mailing list.
- 1.4 Support from a National Body representing their interests.

Associate members may not:

- 1.5 Represent themselves as Accredited Members of the Addiction Counsellors of Ireland.
- 1.6 Refer to their Associate Membership on stationary.
- 1.7 Refer to their Associate Membership in any publicity or advertisement.
- 1.8 Represent themselves as speaking for or on behalf of the Addiction Counsellors of Ireland.

2. PRE-ACCREDITED MEMBERSHIP

Pre-accredited Membership is assigned to an individual who:

- 2.1 Has successfully completed a recognised core training course in Addiction Counselling at QQI Level 8 approved by or accepted by the Addiction Counsellors of Ireland CLG which fulfils the criteria outlined in 2:2 to 2:7.
- 2.2 The training course must be a minimum of 500 course hours of staff-student contact including theory, skills training and self-development modules. The 500 hours shall include 100 hours of addiction counselling practice which 100 hours shall be supervised. Clinical Supervisors must be accredited by the Addiction Counsellors of Ireland CLG. Clinical Supervision shall be based on a minimum client ratio of 1-hour Clinical Supervision: four hours clinical work (25 hours).

- 2.3 The course shall include a detailed study of at least one model of chemical and process dependency/addiction, combined with a core model of counselling and an introduction to other schools/models of addiction and counselling for comparison purposes.
- 2.4 Theoretical study of process addictions i.e. sex, pornography, gambling, etc.
- 2.5 Theoretical study of harm reduction.
- 2.6 Theoretical study of relapse prevention.
- 2.7 A minimum of 50 hours of personal therapy during the educational component of the Addiction Counselling Course. These hours may include certified participation in a Therapeutic Group process to a maximum of 50% of the total requirement.
- 2.8 Accept and work within Addiction Counsellors of Ireland CLG Code of Ethics and Practice.
- 2.9 Subscribe to the Addiction Counsellors of Ireland Constitution.
- 2.10 Where the member is in private practice, he/she must submit evidence of Professional Personal Indemnity Insurance.
- 2.11 The Accreditation Committee may invite any applicant for interview as part of the Accreditation process.
- 2.12 Pre-accredited Members may represent themselves as such on letterheads and/or in advertisements.
- 2.13 For those wishing to apply for Accredited Membership see Section 3.1 to 3.10.
- 2.14 Members must be Pre-Accredited for 12 months prior to applying for Accreditation Membership.

3. ACCREDITED MEMBERSHIP

Accredited Membership is assigned to an individual who:

- 3.1 Is a fully paid up Pre-accredited Member of the Addiction Counsellors of Ireland.
- 3.2 Has successfully completed a recognised core training course in Addiction Counselling at QQI Level 8 approved by or accepted by the Addiction Counsellors of Ireland CLG and fulfils the criteria outlined in 2.1 to 2.7 above.
- 3.3 Has completed 400 hours of counselling work, on a 1:10 supervision basis, which must reflect a variety of presenting addiction problems.
- 3.4 During these 400 hours of clinical work the applicant is required to have clinical Supervision on a ratio of 1-hour Clinical Supervision for every 10 hours client work. The Clinical Supervisor must be accredited by the Addiction Counsellors of Ireland CLG. (Total 40 hours Clinical Supervision).
- 3.5 Submit a Clinical Supervisor's report confirming the completion of 100 hours of clinical practice during the educational component of 500 hours is required.
- 3.6 Accredited Members, as well as Pre-accredited Members who have completed their educational and post training experiential work but are not yet accredited as full members, are obliged to have Clinical Supervision on a monthly basis. Clinical Supervisors must be accredited by the Addiction Counsellors of Ireland CLG.
- 3.7 Accept and work within the Addiction Counsellors of Ireland Code of Ethics and Practice.
- 3.8 Subscribe to the Addiction Counsellors of Ireland CLG Constitution.
- 3.9 Where the member is in private practice he/she must submit evidence of Professional Personal Indemnity Insurance.

- 3.10 The Accreditation Committee may invite any applicant for interview as part of the Accreditation process.

4. INACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1 This category is the domain of Accredited Members who for the time being, have ceased to be actively engaged in addiction counselling.
- 4.2 Members must declare their inactive status on their annual registration form.
- 4.3 Members who wish to re-activate full membership status need to engage in client work and have 3 Clinical Supervision sessions with a Clinical Supervisor accredited by the Addiction Counsellors of Ireland CLG and comply with C.P.D. requirements.
- 4.4 INACTIVE MEMBERSHIP is for a maximum of 2 years unless there are exceptional circumstances for an extension.

5. CLINICAL SUPERVISOR ACCREDITATION

Applicants for accreditation as Clinical Supervisors by the Addiction Counsellors of Ireland CLG are required to have:

- 5.1 Successfully completed a core training course which contains a minimum of 100 hours of staff-trainer contact; studied at least one model of Clinical Supervision in detail as well as an introduction to other schools/models for comparison and contrast.
- 5.2 The course will have a balance of theoretical knowledge, professional development, skills and supervised professional practice consistent with the course theoretical model or approach.
- 5.3 Applicants must be a fully accredited counsellor with Addiction Counsellors of Ireland CLG at QQI Level 8 for a minimum of 5 years prior to date of application.
- 5.4 In addition to the 100 hours core training, applicants are required to complete 50 hours clinical work as a Clinical Supervisor within the duration of the course. These 50 hours may be made up of one-to-one, peer or group Clinical Supervision, which will be formally contracted in the ratio of 25 hours internal and 25 hours external.
- 5.5 The Clinical Supervisor during training must be accredited as a Supervisor by the Addiction Counsellors of Ireland CLG and be a fully paid up member of Addiction Counsellors of Ireland CLG for a minimum of five years and have a knowledge of addiction.
- 5.6 Two Clinical Supervisors' reports, one from the training college confirming that during training the supervisee's work of 25 hours was supervised and assessed, and a report from the external Clinical Supervisor confirming Clinical Supervision of the remaining 25 hours, must be submitted.
- 5.7 Post the successful completion of the educational component the applicant must be in on-going Clinical Supervision with a Clinical Supervisor accredited by the Addiction Counsellors of Ireland CLG.
- 5.8 Submit evidence of Professional Indemnity Insurance.
- 5.9 Agree to abide by the Addiction Counsellors of Ireland Code of Practice for accredited Clinical Supervisors.

6. ANNUAL REGISTRATION

- 6.1 All membership categories must register on an annual basis.
- 6.2 Registration must be renewed by 31st July of each year by payment of a non-refundable registration fee.
- 6.3 All Accredited and Pre-accredited Members must achieve a minimum of 30 credits annually to maintain accreditation as stated in the CPD Framework.
- 6.4 Except in exceptional circumstances, a Pre-accredited Member, Accredited Member or an Accredited Clinical Supervisor who does not renew membership within six months after the due date of July on which it is due, shall forfeit his/her membership. Renewal Certificates are dated, and members are not covered by Addiction Counsellors of Ireland CLG after 1st August of that accrediting year.

DECLARATION

The Addiction Counsellors of Ireland supports the objective of Statutory Regulation currently engaging with CORU and relevant Government Department(s). The Addiction Counsellors of Ireland CLG looks forward to the successful outcome of these negotiations and is committed to working within the criteria agreed.

HOW TO APPLY

Application forms are available, on request, from the Membership Co-ordinator, Addiction Counsellors of Ireland, Denshaw House, 120/121 Baggot Street Lower, Dublin 2.

Addiction Counsellors of Ireland Membership Fees

Membership Grade	Membership Yearly Fees	Total	Comment
Clinical Supervisor	€125.00	€325.00	Inclusive of Accredited Membership
Accredited	€200.00	€200.00	
Pre-accredited	€150.00	€150.00	
Inactive	€100.00	€100.00	
Associate	€50.00	€50.00	
Processing Fees	€100.00	€100.00	Non-refundable

€5 AGM levy is included in membership yearly fees – as per AGM 2010

A non-refundable processing fee of €100 applies to all applications and membership renewals. Associate Renewals non-refundable.