



THE THERAPEUTIC TOUCH NETWORK OF ONTARIO (TTNO)

ACHIEVING RECOGNIZED PRACTITIONER (RP) STATUS

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE THERAPEUTIC TOUCH NETWORK OF ONTARIO

You must be a member in good standing. This means you have paid your membership fee and will continue to do so annually.

TO ACHIEVE RECOGNIZED PRACTITIONER STATUS

You must complete the fundamental Therapeutic Touch® (TT) training criteria as set by the TTNO, thirty-two (32) hours of continuing TT studies, have a minimum of one year's practice, and complete and have approved the *Practitioner Workbook*.

Therapeutic Touch Training – Preferably with the same Recognized Teacher (RT)

1. Basic Levels of Therapeutic Touch: Level 1, 2 and 3, and fundamental upgrades for both Foundations of Therapeutic Touch® and Transpersonal Nature of Therapeutic Touch®

OR

2. Fundamentals of Therapeutic Touch: Foundations of Therapeutic Touch® and Transpersonal Nature of Therapeutic Touch®

NOTE: *Given that Therapeutic Touch® is experiential in nature and competency is gained through practise, it is suggested that you allow a wait time of at least six months prior to completing the final fundamental training workshop.*

It is required that you:

1. Complete the Application of the Inner Processes of Therapeutic Touch® (16 hours once implemented). *This course is considered Fundamental Therapeutic Touch training.*
2. Study with **at least one other Recognized Teacher.**
3. *In addition to Application of the Inner Processes of Therapeutic Touch®*

Complete a minimum of 16 additional hours of Therapeutic Touch training which may include:

- i. a repeat of any of the fundamental Therapeutic Touch trainings with one or more different teachers (not your original RT).
- ii. a TTNO approved Therapeutic Touch workshop – please refer to the TTNO website at www.therapeutictouchontario.org / Continuing Education
- iii. an event approved by the Teacher Liaison Committee as an Education Component for achieving Recognized Practitioner status.

NOTE: Regional Teachers Days and Annual Teachers Days **are excluded.**

- iv. **ONE of either** a TTNO Professional Development Day (PDD) **or** Annual Conference which includes a practicum may count for a maximum of eight hours.

Practice

1. A minimum of one year's practice of Therapeutic Touch is recommended once you have completed the fundamentals or basic Therapeutic Touch training.
2. Regular participation in a TTNO Branch practice group.

Practitioner Workbook

You may purchase the *Practitioner Workbook* once you have completed the fundamental or basic Therapeutic Touch training. The Workbook includes a total of 75 sessions (50 unsupervised, 15 supervised, 10 received sessions) and 10 reflective journal entries.

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. Annually, Recognized Practitioners are asked to complete additional training and keep active in the Therapeutic Touch community to maintain their status and competency.