

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTERED MEMBERSHIP



Professional Development is an essential part of maintaining an effective registry of qualified professionals. An emphasis on Professional Development supports and increases the knowledge, skills, and professionalism of members of a professional association.

All Registered members with the Canadian Society of Homeopaths are required to satisfy Professional Development obligations as part of their commitment to their practice, the Society, and the profession. On-going Professional Development enhances the individual's competency, credibility, and practice opportunities and ensures that the public has access to high quality homeopathic treatment.

The following professional activities qualify for PDCs:

- Pursuing continuing education
- Supporting the profession through dissemination of knowledge
- Expanding the body of homeopathic knowledge
- Promoting public awareness, understanding, and use of homeopathy

Professional Development Credits (PDCs) are assigned to various professional activities and are **calculated bi-annually**. A minimum of 30 PDCs are necessary to fulfill professional development requirements for the period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016. If excess credits are earned during this period, a maximum of 15 of those excess credits may be carried forward and applied to the following bi-annual Professional Development period.

Most professional development takes the form of post-graduate continuing education, which, as of the current 2015-2016 Professional Development period, requires recognition from our Accreditation department. Some (though not all) of these live events and online sessions are listed on our website.

There are a number of ways that Registered members can maintain their professional development obligations, some of which are listed below. Other forms of continuing education and professional activities will be considered on an individual basis.

## CALCULATING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CREDITS (PDCs): 2015- 2016

<b>CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE)</b>	
Attendance at a graduate-level homeopathic seminar, workshop, etc.	1 CE unit = 1 PDC
Attendance at a homeopathic conference or Annual General Meeting	1 CE unit = 1 PDC
Post-graduate homeopathic training	1 CE unit = 1 PDC
<b>TEACHING/MENTORING</b>	
Teaching homeopathy at a homeopathic school or college	1 hr = 2 PDC
Presentation at a homeopathic conference or seminar	1 hr = 2 PDC
Mentoring a homeopathic student	1 hr = 1 PDC
<b>WRITING</b>	
Publication of a homeopathic article in mass media (newspapers, health journals, etc)	Article = 3 PDC
Publication of a homeopathic article in a professional journal (min. 1,500 word review; article on philosophy, history, or materia medica; case studies or interviews)	Article = 5 PDC
Publication of a homeopathic book or manual	Project = 15 PDC
<b>RESEARCH</b>	
Homeopathic provings (conducting, supervising, compiling)	Project = 15 PDC
Homeopathic research	Project = 15 PDC
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>	
Participation in volunteer homeopathic committee	Varies by project
Presentation of Introductory talk to the public or special interest group	1 hr = 1 PDC
Leading an Introductory study group	1 hr = 1 PDC