



## **LEVEL II MSc Module (non-accredited) Guidelines**

**PLEASE NOTE:** BAHT Level II Points can be gained for MSc modules with 10-19 credits. MSc Modules of 20 credits or more can be used for BAHT Level III Non accredited MSc Module  
BAHT points

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## **1. Introduction & Rationale**

The BAHT level II *post graduate development process* is designed for qualified Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists with proven knowledge in the field of hand therapy. The learning outcome of the BAHT Level II non accredited MSc module & submitted for 2 BAHT accreditation points must be relevant to the Post-qualification Hand Therapy Education Programme of the British Association of Hand Therapists (BAHT). Level II promotes recognition of professional competence in a specialist aspect of hand therapy to improve the quality of patient care.

It is anticipated that therapists with two or more years of practice within the specialty of hand therapy will consider applying for Level II while pursuing the goal of Accredited Hand Therapist (AHT). This document provides a summary of the different routes available for therapists to gain BAHT level II points.

### British Association of Hand Therapists (BAHT)

#### Accredited Hand Therapist (AHT) Route

To achieve the award, of Accredited Hand Therapist (AHT) clinicians need to have obtained 12 BAHT points. There are a range of different routes at BAHT Level I, Level II & Level III which clinicians can undertake to achieve the 12 BAHT points required for AHT – see table 1 below.

Please also refer to the British Association of Hand Therapists (BAHT) website, education section.

## 2. Post-qualification Hand Therapy Education Programme

### LEVEL I

The Level I Course is designed for therapists with minimal or no experience of hand injuries & conditions & for therapists who wish to refresh their basic knowledge of, & skills in, the field of hand therapy. It will promote recognition for professional competence & will improve the quality of patient care (BAHT Guidelines Level I Course). For therapists with more than 2 years' experience of hand therapy practice please refer to the Level I APL process (see BAHT level I guidelines).

**One Point is awarded for successful completion of the Level I process.**

### LEVEL II

The Level II Course/Process is designed for therapists with proven experience in the field of hand therapy who have successfully completed an accredited Level I Course or APL route (therapists who have at least 2 years' experience in hand therapy). Level II courses promote recognition for professional knowledge in a specialist aspect of hand therapy; improve the quality of hand care; & foster evaluation & research in hand therapy (BAHT Guidelines Level II Course). BAHT strive to support therapists who wish to increase their experience & knowledge in specialist areas of hand therapy & there are a range of other routes, other than attending a BAHT Level II course, for the acquisition of BAHT Level II points. Routes for BAHT Level II points include: submission of evidence of prior learning (APL), educators points, non-accredited MSc Modules. For the full range of routes available to gain BAHT Level II points please refer to the BAHT website education section &/or table 1 below.

**Two points are awarded per BAHT Level II course & for a range of other BAHT Level II Routes on successful completion (see table 1).**

**6 Level II points are required at BAHT Level II.**

**Each two points must be gained in a different specialist area of hand therapy.**

### LEVEL III

This level offers members of BAHT a challenging opportunity to demonstrate their advanced knowledge of hand therapy. Five BAHT points are awarded for successful completion of Level III. Level III points can be gained in a number of ways, see table 1 or refer to the BAHT Education Process on the BAHT website.

**Five Points are awarded for successful completion of the Level III process.**

The structure for education & training is set out in Table 1.

When you have achieved 12 points you may apply to the BAHT Education Sub-committee (ESC) for AHT. For ALL BAHT courses & routes see guidelines on the BAHT website

[https://www.hand-therapy.co.uk/health\\_professionals/education\\_courses/the\\_baht\\_education\\_process\\_route\\_to\\_aht.aspx](https://www.hand-therapy.co.uk/health_professionals/education_courses/the_baht_education_process_route_to_aht.aspx)

For ALL BAHT Level II Routes (other than BAHT Level II Courses) queries please email [baht.apl@gmail.com](mailto:baht.apl@gmail.com)

**TABLE 1: Progression of Post-qualification Education in Hand Therapy (BAHT)**

For all Level I, II & III options in the table below please refer to the specific guidelines for more detail on criteria & application process

Target Population	Content	Assessment Process	Outcome	Sum of points
<b>Level I</b>				
OT/PT therapist  ** see below	Introductory course  APL Route	BAHT exam (short answer/MCQs)  2 years plus experience full time hand therapy	Certificate Value = 1 point  Eligibility-Level II	<b>1</b>
<b>Level II</b>				
OP/PT Therapist Eligibility via Level I  Or  Indicative experience via APL process  ** see below	Specialist BAHT course (17 hours contact teaching)  APL (prior learning less than 3 years since completion)  MSc Module (non-accredited) – completed less than 2 years prior to application  Educational points route  Associate PI Scheme	Two forms of assessment during/after the course, e.g., examination & written assignment  Written work assessed by 2 independent reviewers  Via University assessment process & application to BAHT ESC for recognition of a non-accredited module Evidence of teaching / education of others  Evidence of completion	Certificate Value = 2 points per Level II course / APL topic / Level II Route  Maximum 6 points.  Eligibility-Level III	<b>7</b>
<b>Level III</b>				
OT/PT specialist Eligibility via Level II  Or  Indicative experience via APL process  ** see below	In-depth BAHT project  MSc Modules (accredited & non-accredited) – completed less than 2 years prior to application  Hand Therapy Journal article  APL (prior learning less than 3 years since completion)	Written paper assessed by 2 independent reviewers  Via University assessment process only for accredited modules <i>or</i> additional application to BAHT ESC for recognition of a non-accredited module  Proof of publication & ownership statement  Written work assessed by 2 independent reviewers	Certificate Value = 5 points	<b>12</b>

**\*\* Note:** therapy students, therapy assistants, nurses & other AHP clinicians may attend BAHT courses at the discretion of the course provider

The table below provides guidance on additional routes that can be used to gain Accredited Hand Therapist (AHT) if the BAHT level I, Level I & Level III routes are not undertaken.

Target Population	Summary Of Routes	Assessment Process	Sum of Points
<b>University route to AHT</b>  <b>Levels 1-3</b>	<b>1. Completion of University of Derby MSc in Hand Therapy.</b> 4 modules required: - Assessment of the hand and upper limb - Treatment modalities - Hand conditions and interventions - Hand therapy in practice  <b>2. Completion of University of Essex Postgraduate Certificate Advanced Musculoskeletal Assessment and Practice (Hand Therapy)</b>  <b>3. Completion of PhD relating to Hand Therapy at UK University</b>  <b>4. Completion of hand focused Advanced Practice MSc or ePortfolio</b>	Enter date of modules, ePortfolio and/or completion of the course.  Evidence of completion of the course is required plus supporting digital badge or letter/testimony from course tutor	<b>12</b>

### **3. MSc non-accredited module process – BAHT level II**

Therapists may have completed/wish to complete an MSc module(S) outside of the BAHT Level II affiliated/ accredited courses as listed in table 1.

If the module is specifically relevant to the learning & development within Hand & Upper Limb Therapy practice it may be suitable for Level II accreditation. In these circumstances therapists can apply to have their module considered by the BAHT Education Sub-Committee (ESC) by completing an application form & as per criteria below (also see Appendix 1).

Two Level II points will be issued to candidates meeting the criteria laid out within this document & each therapist's application will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Modules completed by a maximum of 2 years prior to the date of application can be considered, & all applications are subject to a £30 administration fee payable to BAHT. Please note registration fee payment must be made before the ESC can consider your application.

## **Criteria for gaining Level II MSc Module points via this route:**

- MSc post graduate module 10-19 credits must be completed (MSc modules of 20 credits or more can be used for BAHT Level III Points – see BAHT Level III Routes).
  - This must be from a University/Institution that offers post graduate MSc modules
  - The module proposed for conversion to Level II points can be any type of post graduate MSc module: clinical, research, leadership or educational based
  
- A breakdown of module (this should be available from your university) i.e., programme, content, time scales must be provided, which must demonstrate that the module includes some taught components.
  
- Evidence of successful completion of the module assessment process must be submitted (e.g. copy of certificate – please do not send your original as documents cannot be returned).
  - A breakdown of the module assessment process should also be included (this should be available from your university).
  - Details of the assessment completed for the module must also be included, demonstrating that it is related to hand/upper limb therapy.
  
- A 400-to-500-word reflection must be produced detailing how this module has enhanced your learning & development as a hand/upper limb therapist & influenced your practice. Note: please do not exceed this limit, anything over 500 words will not be considered as part of the application.

#### 4. Fee Structure

##### Fee Structure when applying for each two educators points

Registration fee (for admin costs)	£30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£30</b>

##### Application Fee

Please note that payment of the £30 application fee must be made *before* an application can be considered. We are no longer able to accept cheque payment for fees so please provide relevant details for invoicing below & email back to: [baht.apl@gmail.com](mailto:baht.apl@gmail.com) & [baht.escfinance@gmail.com](mailto:baht.escfinance@gmail.com)

Invoice addressee name

Contact e-mail address

Contact phone number

Postal address

PO number (if applicable) \*

\*If a purchase order is required, please ensure this is raised prior to submitting this application and quote the relevant number [here](#).

Please contact us if you have any queries regarding this via [baht.apl@gmail.com](mailto:baht.apl@gmail.com) & [baht.escfinance@gmail.com](mailto:baht.escfinance@gmail.com)

To avoid unnecessary delays in processing your application, please ensure you notify [baht.apl@gmail.com](mailto:baht.apl@gmail.com) & [baht.escfinance@gmail.com](mailto:baht.escfinance@gmail.com) when you make payment.

Receipts will not routinely be provided, please notify us if this is something you specifically require.

See Appendix 1 for the application form. A word version of the application form is available on the BAHT website course section – The BAHT education process (route to AHT).

**Appendices****Appendix A Application for BAHT Level II points on completion of a MSc non-accredited module**

Name of Candidate:	Address:
BAHT Number:	Postcode:
Date of Application:	E-mail:
	Tel No:
	Signature of candidate:
University/Institution of Study:	
Title of module proposed for conversion to Level II accreditation:	
Title of assignment completed for module (note: this must be related to hand/upper limb therapy):	

Please complete this form & tick checklist to ensure you have included all the information required.

## Check List

- Module completed 10-19 credits.
- A breakdown of module (this should be available from your university) i.e., programme, content, time scales must be provided, which must demonstrate that the module includes some taught components.
- Breakdown of module assessment process (this should be available from your university).
- Evidence of successful completion of the module assessment process must be submitted (e.g. copy of certificate – please do not send your original as documents cannot be returned).
  - A breakdown of the module assessment process should also be included (this should be available from your university).
  - Details of the assessment completed for the module must also be included, demonstrating that it is related to hand/upper limb therapy.
- A 400-to-500-word reflection must be produced detailing how this module has enhanced your learning & development as a hand/upper limb therapist & influenced your practice. Note: please do not exceed this limit, anything over 500 words will not be considered as part of the application.

Please email an electronic copy of this application form & all requested documents / evidence, with all personal details included, to [baht.apl@gmail.com](mailto:baht.apl@gmail.com) and [bahthandtherapy@gmail.com](mailto:bahthandtherapy@gmail.com)

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### Previously Acquired BAHT Accreditation Points

	Course / Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL) - Title & Venue	Date
Level I		
Level II		
Level II		
Level II		
Others		

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