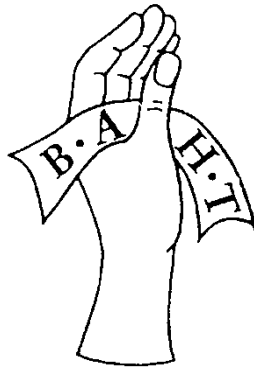


**BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF HAND THERAPISTS**

**LEVEL III**

**Hand Therapy Journal Article Publication Guidelines**



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## SECTION 1

### Introduction & Rationale

The level III is designed for qualified Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists with proven knowledge in the field of hand therapy who have successfully completed BAHT level I & II courses or Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL), gained the required number of British Association of Hand Therapists (BAHT) points & are a member of the British Association of Hand Therapists (BAHT).

The learning identified as the outcome of level III & submitted for 5 BAHT accreditation points must be relevant to the Post-qualification Hand Therapy Education Programme of the British Association of Hand Therapists (BAHT). Level III promotes recognition of professional competence in a specialist aspect of hand therapy to improve the quality of patient care & foster evaluation, audit & research in hand therapy.

It is anticipated that therapists with five or more years of practice within the speciality of hand therapy will consider applying for Level III 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 III points.

Any queries regarding the BAHT level III process email:

[baht.level3@gmail.com](mailto:baht.level3@gmail.com)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>British Association of Hand Therapists (BAHT) Post-qualification Hand Therapy Education Programme</b></p>
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**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.

***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. Level II promote recognition for professional competence in a specialist aspect of hand therapy; improve the quality of hand care; & foster evaluation & research in hand therapy (*BAHT Guidelines Level II Course*). If a candidate wishes to submit evidence of prior learning to achieve two BAHT level II points information & evidence must meet requirements of the APL level II process.

***Two points are awarded per course/APL application for successfully completion.  
6 Level II points are required if delegates wish to move to the BAHT level III route.  
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 can be gained in a number of ways, described in more detail on page 5.

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

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

LEVEL	Target population	Content	Assessment	Outcome	Sum of BAHT points
<b>Level I</b>	OT/PT therapist	Introductory course see Course Guidelines	BAHT designed exam. short answer/MCQs 1 hour	Certificate Value = 1 point  Eligibility for Level II	<b>1</b>
<b>Level II</b>	OP/PT specialist Eligibility via Level I Or Indicative experience via APL process	Specialist course see Course Guidelines  (17 hours contact teaching)	Unseen practical or written examination (MCQ/short answers) & written assignment	Certificate Value = 2 points per Level II course  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 separate guideline)	In-depth study (self-directed – see below)  MSc Modules (see below)  Hand Therapy Journal article (see below)  APL (see below)	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>

## Methods of gaining Level III BAHT Points Hand Therapy Journal Article Publication

Five Level III points will be issued to candidates if they have met the following criteria:

- Therapists who have written & published a hand/upper limb related article in the BAHT Hand Therapy Journal within the past 12 months
- Completed the application form (see below)
- Submitted their CV
- Payment of £30 administration fee
  - Please note registration fee payment must be made before the ESC can consider your application.
  - Fees must be paid electronically by BACS transfer or over the phone by phoning the BAHT secretary. Cheques can no longer be accepted by BAHT.
  - **Eve Dunn** (Clerical and Admin Assistance, BAHT)
    - **WORKING HOURS:** Monday to Thursday 1-5.30pm, Friday 12-2pm
    - **Tel:** [01394 610131](tel:01394610131)
    - **Email:** [bahthandtherapy@gmail.com](mailto:bahthandtherapy@gmail.com)
- Submit a copy of the journal article
- Provide a statement that the article is 100% their own work, or co-authors can each submit two jointly published articles for consideration if both provide a signed statement to state that work was equally shared. NB in this instance it is expected that the two articles will relate to entirely separate research projects/studies as opposed to being two articles relating to the same study. Journal article applications will be considered individually.

**British Association of Hand Therapists  
Level III Statement of Ownership  
Appendix 1**

Plagiarism is intellectual theft & is a serious form of cheating. It is the act of presenting as one's own, the ideas (including images & designs), discoveries or judgements of another person. To copy extracts without full acknowledgement (whatever the medium in which the text or image is stored), from someone else's work & to thereby convey the impression that they are one's own is plagiarism. So is the paraphrasing – restating in one's own words – of someone else's ideas without full acknowledgement. We all utilise the ideas of others; we have a most serious obligation to acknowledge them meticulously.

**Plagiarism**  
A declaration of academic integrity

“I have read & understood the regulations on plagiarism & the work submitted is my own”

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidates Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Appendix 2 – Application for Level III points after publication of an article in Hand Therapy Journal**

Name of Candidate:

BAHT Membership number:

Contact e-mail:

Contact address:

Title of published article:

Date of Publication\*:

\*Only articles published within the 12 months prior to application being made to the ESC can be considered for Level III BAHT Points.

**Previously Acquired BAHT Accreditation Points**

	Course / Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL) <i>Title &amp; Venue</i>	Date
Level I		
Level II		
Level II		
Level II		
Others		

**Application for Level III points after publication of an article in Hand Therapy Journal – Checklist**

1. Application form completed
2. CV
3. Statement of ownership (appendix 1) completed
4. Copy of published article
5. Payment of £30 (see payment details above)

Please send electronic copy of your application & all required documents to:

[baht.level3@gmail.com](mailto:baht.level3@gmail.com)

Please send a paper copy of your application & all required documents to the BAHT  
Secretary Address: BAHT, PO Box 304, WOODBRIDGE, IP12 9EX

I confirm that the article I am submitting is entirely my own work & I request that it be considered for 5 BAHT Level III points.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Or

I confirm that the article I am submitting as co-author is 50% my own work & I request that it be considered for 2 ½ BAHT Level III points.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Counter signed\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Counter signature must be that of co-author to confirm their agreement that applicant was responsible for 50% of the work for article. If both authors wish to submit an application for BAHT points each should use a separate application form.



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