British Association of Hand Therapists (BAHT)

LEVEL III

MSc Module (non-accredited) Guidelines

You **DO NOT** require these guidelines if you are completing a BAHT MSc accredited module – see BAHT Level 3 MSc Module Accredited Guidelines

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Introduction & Rationale

The British Association of Hand Therapists (BAHT) Level III post graduate development process is designed for qualified Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists with proven knowledge in the field of hand therapy who have successfully completed BAHT level I & BAHT level II, gaining the required number of BAHT points & are a member of BAHT.

The learning outcome of level III & submitted for five BAHT accreditation points must be relevant to the post-qualification Hand Therapy education programme of BAHT. Level III promotes recognition of professional competence in a specialist aspect of hand therapy to improve the quality of patient care & to 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.

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.

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

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Any queries regarding the BAHT level III process please email:
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Post-qualification Hand Therapy Education Programme

LEVEL I

The Level I Course is designed for therapists with minimal or no experience of hand injuries or conditions, or 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 strives 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, or 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.

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 candidates have achieved 12 points, they can apply to the BAHT Education Sub-committee (ESC) for AHT (see Becoming an Accredited Hand Therapist on the BAHT website) BAHT AHT Process

For ALL BAHT courses & routes see guidelines on the BAHT website

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BAHT Points can be achieved in the following ways:

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

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

Target Population	Content	Assessment Process	Outcome	Sum of points
		Level I		
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	*1*
		Level II		
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	*7*
		Level III		
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 *or* 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	*12*

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

Target Population	Summary Of Routes	Assessment Process	Sum of Points
University route to AHT **Levels 1-3**	**1. Completion of University of Derby MSc in Hand Therapy.** 4 modules required: - Assessment of the hand and upper limb - Treatment modalities - Hand conditions and interventions - Hand therapy in practice **2. Completion of University of Essex Postgraduate Certificate Advanced Musculoskeletal Assessment and Practice (Hand Therapy)** **3. Completion of PhD relating to Hand Therapy at UK University** **4. Completion of hand focused Advanced Practice MSc or ePortfolio** **5. Completion of Western University Upper Extremity Rehabilitation MClSc Canada**	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 All modules and courses submitted under this route must be predominantly focused on the hand and wrist to qualify for AHT application.	**12**

Methods of gaining Level III BAHT Points MSc Module (non-accredited)

Therapists may have completed/wish to complete an MSc module outside of those BAHT affiliated/ accredited modules as listed within the BAHT level III – summary of routes document.

If the module is specifically relevant to learning & development within Hand & Upper Limb Therapy practice, it may be suitable for Level III 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 stated later in this document (also see Appendix 1).

Five Level III 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.

Administration 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.level3@gmail.com & 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.level3@gmail.com & baht.escfinance@gmail.com

To avoid unnecessary delays in processing your application, please ensure you notify baht.level3@gmail.com & baht.escfinance@gmail.com when you make payment.

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

The above payment instructions can be found on the BAHT Level III MSc Module Non-Accredited Application Form.

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). The BAHT education process (route to AHT)

PLEASE DO NOT complete this form for BAHT accredited MSc Modules (see document BAHT level III – summary of routes to gain points). BAHT accredited MSc modules need not complete this application process as these modules have already been reviewed & deemed to be equitable with 5 BAHT Level III points. Candidates completing BAHT MSc accredited modules will automatically receive their level III certificate once the BAHT Education Committee is informed, via the relevant university, of the candidate's successful completion of the module.

Criteria for gaining level III MSc Module points via this route:

- MSc postgraduate module has a minimum of 20 credits.
    - This must be a University/Institution that offers post graduate MSc modules.
    - The module proposed for conversion to Level III points can be any type of post graduate MSc module with a clinical, research, leadership or educational base.
    - Evidence that the module includes some taught component(s).

- Evidence of successful completion of the module assessment process (please do not send original documents as theses cannot be returned).
    - Breakdown of module assessment process (this should be available from your university). i.e. programme, content, time scales
    - The assessment process: this should be related to the hand/upper limb therapy.
    - Title of assignment therapist completed for module (note: this must be related to hand/upper limb therapy).
    - Copy of certificate

- Abstract of assignment & 400 - 500 word reflection 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.

Appendix 1 - Application for Level III points on completion of a MSc non-accredited module

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

Email an electronic copy of this application form & all requested documents / evidence to baht.level3@gmail.com

Name of Candidate:

BAHT Membership number:

Contact e-mail:

Contact address:

University/Institution of Study:

Title of module proposed for conversion to Level III accreditation:

Title of assignment completed for module (note: this must be related to hand/upper limb therapy).

Checklist:

□ £30 application fee (see application guidelines for payment process). Please note payment must be included before the ESC can consider application.

□ BAHT Application Form

□ Module completed has credits of 20 or more.

□ Breakdown of module (this should be available from your university) i.e. programme, content, time scales.

□ Breakdown of module assessment process (this should be available from your university).

□ Evidence of successful completion of module (copy of certificate – please do not send your original as documents cannot be returned).

□ Abstract of assignment & 400 - 500 word reflection 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.

Previously Acquired BAHT Accreditation Points

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

Signature of candidate*:_____

Date:_____

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