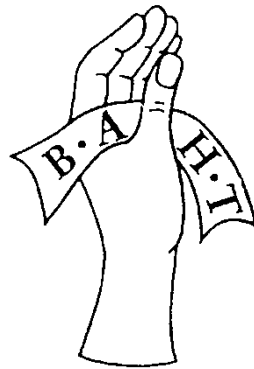


BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF HAND THERAPISTS

LEVEL III

MSc Module Guidelines

(You DO NOT require these guidelines if you are completing the Nottingham University MSc Injection therapy module, Brunel MSc Hand Therapy Module or Ulster MSc Hand Therapy module)



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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.

<p style="text-align: center;">British Association of Hand Therapists (BAHT) Post-qualification Hand Therapy Education Programme</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
Level I	OT/PT therapist	Introductory course see Course Guidelines	BAHT designed exam. short answer/MCQs 1 hour	Certificate Value = 1 point Eligibility for Level II	1
Level II	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	7
Level III	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 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

Methods of gaining Level III BAHT Points Other MSc Module

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

If the module is specifically relevant to the 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 ESC by completing an application form & reflection as per criteria below & the guidance in 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.

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

Candidates completing the relevant University of Derby, Brunel or Nottingham 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 these modules will automatically receive their level III certificate once the BAHT Education Committee is informed of candidate's successful completion of their module.

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

- MSc post graduate module minimum 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 post graduate MSc module with clinical, research, leadership or educational based
- Breakdown of module (this should be available from your university) i.e. programme, content, time scales.
- Evidence that the module includes some taught component (s)
- Evidence of successful completion of the module assessment process (copy of certificate – please do not send your original as documents cannot be returned).
 - Breakdown of module assessment process (this should be available from your university).
 - 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).
- Abstract of assignment & 400 to 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 non-accredited MSc module

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).

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

- Please email an electronic copy of this application form & all requested documents / evidence, with all personal details included, to BAHTlevel3@gmail.com
- Please post a copy to the BAHT Secretary (address below). **PLEASE ensure you remove you name, BAHT membership number, email address, postal address & any other identification information.** Please note payment must be included before the ESC can consider your application.

Address: BAHT, PO Box 304, WOODBRIDGE, IP12 9EX

£30 application fee (cheque made payable to BAHT) postal only.

Module completed credits 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 to 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) <i>Title & Venue</i>	Date
Level I		
Level II		
Level II		
Level II		
Others		

Signature of candidate*: _____ Date: _____

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