



Portfolio of Evidence

This is a route for full membership to POGP by successful submission of a Portfolio of Evidence.

The portfolio must evidence Physiotherapy experience in one or more of the specialty areas of male and female bladder, bowel and sexual dysfunction and pain; and pre and post-natal musculoskeletal dysfunction and pain.

Portfolio Criteria:

- a) The candidate evidences they are a member of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy in the application form.
- b) Submission of an anonymised portfolio of evidence related to the specialty area which must include the following:
 - i. Anonymised Curriculum Vitae (with issued unique reference number)
Detailing clinical experience, route into this specialty and including the candidate's current work role.
 - ii. Personal Statement (500 words)
This should identify how the candidate has developed skills in assessment and patient management in the specialty of pelvic, obstetric, and gynaecological physiotherapy in the last two years.
 - iii. Testimonial on evidence-based practice (1500 words)
This should demonstrate how the candidate uses evidence- based practice to contribute to the quality of his or her practice; service delivery and how it has benefited the service user in the past two years. This should clearly reflect in-depth understanding and experience in pelvic, obstetric and gynaecological physiotherapy and should include information regarding how evidence- based practice will benefit the candidate's future practice in the specialty.
 - iv. Evidence
POGP asks that five original, detailed pieces of evidence to support the candidate's testimonial of evidence -based practice (for example case studies, audit, service development, PREMS, reflective account) are submitted. All evidence must be to CSP Standards of Professional Practice; within Scope of Practice; retaining standards of

confidentiality and anonymised. Further understanding on activities that count towards continuous professional development can be found on The Health & Care Professions Council (HCPC) website.

To support the candidate through the portfolio submission process, POGP offers mentorship to candidates on request.

Portfolio Assessment

This will be undertaken by two “blind” assessors who are members of the POGP Education sub-committee. In cases where the assessors do not agree the Chairman of the Education sub-committee will adjudicate. The Chairman of the ESC will retain the submitted document.

Timescale for Assessment

Acknowledgement of submission will occur by two weeks of its receipt. The candidate will be informed that his or her submission has been assessed and was found to meet one of the following criteria by 8 weeks of receipt:

Assessment Criteria

1. **Achieves all criteria for membership** as stated above – sent letter of invitation to become a full member and certificate acknowledging this.
2. **Partially meets criteria** can be re-submitted with additions or amendments suggested by the assessors
3. **Does not meet the criteria** can be re-submitted with additions or amendments suggested by the assessors

For queries and further information please contact:

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