

ASSERT General Professional Member

A General Professional Member may be a professional with an interest in sexology and sexual health.

Their clinical practice is at the PERMISSION or LIMITED INFORMATION level, regarding the PLISSIT Model. (# Please refer to end of the document PLISSIT Statement)

A General Professional Member may be an inexperienced Sexuality Educator, Sex Researcher or Sex Therapist who may be working towards ASSERT accreditation.

A General professional member is a person with the following qualifications and criteria:

1. PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Must hold A degree from a recognized University/ College, TAFE or Training Institution

It is preferable that the degree is in an area related health.

This training should be:

- A degree, diploma, or certificate
- Additional educational opportunities such as sexual health courses, workshops or sexual health conferences are desirable by ASSERT.

2. ASSERT Code of Ethics

The applicant will have read the ASSERT Code of Ethics.

By signing the certification application form, the applicant agrees to be bound by the ASSERT Code of Ethics.

3. PROFESSIONAL TRAINING DOCUMENTATION

The following documentation must be submitted to the ASSERT Members subcommittee:

1. Completed General Professional Member application for ASSERT, signed and dated.
2. Official transcripts of program(s) in which degree(s)/diploma(s) were awarded.

3. A nomination signature from one ASSERT Member, supporting the application or two professional referees supporting the application.
4. Proof of registration with an approved professional organisation such as: ACA - CAPA – AASW or equivalent Professional Association.
5. Copy of Australian National Police Check
6. 5. COPY OF NATIONAL POLICE CHECK and/or A signed statutory declaration stating that they have no criminal convictions related to their professional conduct or relevant offenses. (Or equivalent requirement from states outside of NSW)
7. Copy of current Professional Indemnity Insurance.
8. Membership fee paid.

Upon approval of General Professional Members Application by ASSERT board, the applicant will then be invited to become a member of ASSERT.

If the applicant is unsuccessful in gaining membership, ASSERT board member will inform them where their application is deficient, and where possible how this can be remedied. Should the applicant wish to withdraw their application, their membership fee will be returned to them.

4. Special Circumstances Category

For those applicants being considered under the Special Circumstances Category, the ASSERT Members subcommittee will clearly indicate where the applicant has met the required criteria for General Professional Membership.

ASSERT members subcommittee will also indicate if there are unmet criteria and make clear recommendations of how these can be met within a practical time frame.

5. Retaining ASSERT General Professional Membership Status

To retain the ASSERT General Professional Member status, the member must pay membership on an annual basis, be a practicing member.

PLISSIT STATEMENT

PLISSIT model of sex therapy is used to determine the level of intervention a therapist is practicing.

Permission (P) gives the health professional and the client permission to talk about sexual concerns.

Limited Information (LI) the health professional provides limited information/education to the client.

Specific Suggestions (SS) at this level ASSERT expects the health professional to have adequate training, qualifications and experience in sexology, to perform a deeper level of intervention and support.

Intense Therapy (IT) ASSERT expects the health professional working at this level to have highly specialised training, qualifications, and experience in sexology. The health professional may be specialised in one or several sex issues or problems.

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