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Dear Colleague

Thank you for your enquiry for membership of the Affiliation of Crystal Healing Organisations (ACHO).

ACHO was formed in 1988 by the Principals of crystal training organisations in Britain working to co-ordinate the teaching of crystal healing and present essential, agreed guidelines for that process. Members of ACHO are Principals of schools involved in crystal healing and who agree to the ACHO membership requirements.

The aims of ACHO are:

- to encourage the study and improvement of crystal healing and practise
- to promote individual awareness of how self healing and the transforming qualities inherent in the mineral kingdom can be used to improve the quality of life and understanding of its methods and applications by the aid of all or any of the following means:
 - Research on the effect of changes in the health of the human body by the use of crystals or crystal therapy.
 - Re-empower the individual to states of self-awareness to maximize the self healing potential of the individual using crystals/crystal therapy as an instrument of self growth and self healing.
 - Through training members to provide a high standard of courses at a consistent level for the training of crystal therapists.
- to ensure there is a responsible representative body which can act on behalf of crystal therapies, the associations that represent them and the training colleges

ACHO is a founder member of the British Crystal Healers, which was formed in 2003 as the umbrella group and lead body for Crystal and Gem Healing in the UK. BCH has agreed a core curriculum to which 25 schools in the UK teach as a maximum of half of the full course and an agreed 180 hours tuition for diploma holders.

ACHO is an Associate of the Institute for Complementary and Natural Medicine

ACHO is a Limited Company registered in England and Wales, No 6041090
ACHO is a member of the British Crystal Healers and
is an Associate Member of The Institute for Complementary Medicine

ACHO Practitioner Register

A Practitioner Register is held to include both Certificate/ Licentiate and fully qualified Diploma Practitioners of ACHO schools. This register is published on the website, practitioners pay £15 per annum and must provide annual proof of qualification and current insurance cover.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

1. ACHO Policies and Procedures

All ACHO members are subject to the following policies and procedures:

Code of Conduct
Disciplinary Rules and Disciplinary procedure
Equal Opportunities Policy
Harassment and Bullying Prevention Policy
Grievance Procedure

Members must sign their acceptance of these policies and procedures – members found in breach of any aspect of these requirements will face disciplinary action, a possible financial penalty and/or have their membership of ACHO revoked. Copies of all these documents can be found on the ACHO website (www.acho.co.uk).

2. Training Standards

The Core Curriculum has been validated and accredited with the National Open College Network, eighteen credits at Level 3 (equivalent to NVQ Level 3). The questions attached to the topics of Core Curriculum are compulsory for all students, and are a minimum requirement.

All ACHO members are required to ensure a minimum standard of training – this includes full members as well as probationers working towards full membership . This is set at a minimum training period of TWO YEARS with the Core Curriculum included. The full course should include a minimum of 24 days, tutor-led teaching.(a copy of the ACHO Training Standards can be found on the website).

The Core Curriculum should represent a **maximum** of one half of the whole course (90 tutor-led hours).

Students can have their Core Curriculum work externally and independently moderated by the Open College Network if the ACHO principal is registered with NOCN or by one of the ACHO verifiers. Both options incur a fee to the student.

The second part of the course must consist of at least 90% crystal healing work. This part of the syllabus is more flexible as to the topics and techniques chosen by the school, so long as they fall within the remit set by ACHO. Any specific healing methods, such as Reiki or non-crystal topics such as angels or ascension techniques are not considered as crystal healing. These can be included as Continuing Professional Development or as post-graduate subjects, but are not suitable for the year 2 diploma syllabus.

Training Courses commenced prior to acceptance of Probationary Membership of ACHO cannot be endorsed by ACHO.

ACHO recognises an intermediate level of study (as part of the core curriculum) that can lead to completion of the core curriculum. This level can also serve as an introductory course or a course for CPD (Continuing Professional Development) for existing therapists with other skills.

3. Applicant Requirements

The Principal of a school is the person who is the ACHO member and is the person responsible for the training programme delivered at the school

The principal must have -

a teaching qualification such as a B.Ed, PGCE, Cert. Ed., DTLLS

Or

hold City and Guilds 7407 / 7307 (both parts), 7305/CTLLS, with evidence that they are working towards a Cert.Ed/ DTLLS.

(City & Guilds 7302, neither the Introduction nor Diploma are sufficient. Part one of the 7307 on its own or PTLLS is not sufficient.

If other similar qualifications are held, confirmation from the awarding body will be required to confirm equivalence to a Cert Ed., 740, 7305 or 7307 (both parts).*

Or

must show evidence that they have been teaching crystal healing competently for at least seven years. (Evidence could be testimonials from past students)

And

and have been qualified and working as a crystal healer for at least two years, if qualified through an ACHO/BCH school, or 5 years if qualified elsewhere.

Please note that, where there is a joint holding of the post of principal, both parties must meet the above requirements in full (also see '8' below).

4. Syllabus

Prospective members will need to provide a full course syllabus and detailed CV in the first instance.

For the Core Curriculum, a compatible scheme of work will need to be supplied along with lesson plans for at least six days

A list of Year 2 syllabus topics to be provided, which should meet the requirements detailed above and with explanations of how crystals are to be used.

5. Interview

Prospective members will be required to attend a panel interview with ACHO. The panel will include at least one officer and two members (minimum of three members).

6. Probationary Period

Once accepted as members, there will be a period of probation which will last for two years.

During this period there will be at least two visits from senior ACHO members or their representatives. At least one visit will be during a tutoring session. If possible students' work will be verified during one or both visits.

7. Membership Fees

The fees for joining ACHO are £500, as follows:

1. On application – a non-refundable fee of £200.
(Resubmissions for any reason, will incur an additional fee of £100)
2. Panel interview – a fee of £100 (refundable in the case of non- acceptance)
3. Each course visit will incur a fee of £100.

Non-UK applicants will need to either fund a visit from an ACHO member to their venue or visit the UK and attend a panel, where they will also be asked to present a micro-teach session.

8. Joint Principals

If the application is for joint membership, both applicants need to meet the application requirements. Applicants need to be aware that there may be additional costs involved in the administration of joint application. If one member subsequently resigns the other is entitled to continue membership.

9. Insurance

ACHO Probationary and Full Members are required to:

EITHER –join the group insurance scheme with Holistic Insurance Services which is currently approximately £170 per annum per organisation. This covers the Principal in their teaching work and therapy practice, public liability and malpractice. Other tutors can be covered for teaching in addition to their practitioner insurance.

Student insurance is available for around £35 to cover the case studies whilst they are undertaking training.

The group insurance scheme also provides for practitioners to acquire public liability and malpractice insurance at a reduced rate of around £80 per annum. Other therapy skills can be added where there is recognised certification.

OR – to show evidence of the provision of insurance cover for at least the equivalent levels mentioned above.

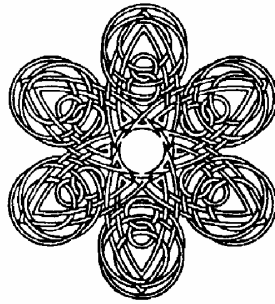
Please Note: ACHO is not responsible for the business or internal workings of individual schools/colleges and thus is not and cannot be held liable for any issues that may arise pertaining to these matters.

Please find attached a form to accompany your syllabus and CV. When completed, please send to me at the above address.

Yours sincerely,

Shirley O'Donoghue
Secretary
Affiliation of Crystal Healing Organisations Ltd

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

1. Details of Principal

Name:

Address:

Post Code:

Tel. No: (inc code)

Fax No: (inc code)

Email:

Please attach Curriculum Vitae

2. Details of Joint Principal (where applicable)

Name:

Address:

Post Code:

Tel. No: (inc code)

Fax No: (inc code)

Email:

Please attach Curriculum Vitae

3. Course Manager (where applicable)

4. Address where correspondence is to be directed:

Post Code:

Tel. No: (inc code)

Fax No: (inc code)

Email:

I/ We agree to abide by the terms and conditions of Probationary Membership of ACHO including acceptance of all policies and procedures

I/We agree to the circulation of Curriculum Vitae and syllabus to all ACHO Full Members

I/We enclose a cheque for £200 made payable to 'ACHO'

Name of School:

Principal(s): signature

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DATE: