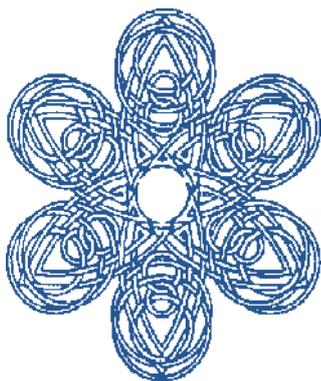


THE AFFILIATION OF CRYSTAL HEALING ORGANISATIONS LTD



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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 who agree to abide by the ACHO membership requirements.

THE AIMS OF ACHO ARE:

1. To encourage the study and improvement of crystal healing and practise.
2. 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 the following means:
 - Researching the effect of changes in the health of the human body via the use of crystals or crystal therapy.
 - Re-empowering the individual to states of self-awareness in order to maximise the potential of the individual using crystals/crystal therapy as an instrument of self growth and self-healing.
3. Supporting members to provide a high standard of courses at a consistent level for the training of crystal therapists.
4. Ensuring there is a responsible representative body which can act on behalf of Registered crystal therapists and the Member schools.

ACHO PRACTITIONER REGISTER

A Practitioner Register is held to include Foundation, Certificate/Licentiate and Diploma Practitioners of ACHO schools. Practitioners pay £15 per annum and must provide annual proof of qualification and current insurance cover. This register is published on the ACHO website: www.crystal-healing.org/register.

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 to show their familiarisation with and acceptance of these policies and procedures. Members found in breach of any aspect of these requirements will face disciplinary action and/or have their membership of ACHO revoked.

Copies of all these documents can be found on the ACHO website: www.crystal-healing.org/documents-and-forms

2. ACHO 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. Member schools are permitted to add questions.

All ACHO Members, including Probationers, are required to ensure a minimum standard of training. This is set at a minimum training period of TWO YEARS for a Diploma, including the Core Curriculum which should comprise no more than half of the Diploma course. The Diploma course should provide a minimum of 180 hours TUTOR PRESENT tuition.

Schools can provide Certificate courses (a minimum 90 hours, tutored) and may also offer a Foundation Course. The minimum requirements for these courses are outlined in our Training Standards Document.

A copy of the ACHO Training Standards can be found on the ACHO website: www.crystal-healing.org/documents-and-forms

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 alternatively by one of the ACHO Verifiers. Both options incur a fee to the student. Students must present their work in the order required by the ACHO Training Standards; therefore schools must ensure their numbering of questions is in line with this document to enable the student to compile their portfolio for verification.

The second half 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 topics can be included as Continuing Professional Development or as post-graduate subjects, but are not suitable for inclusion within the Year 2 Diploma syllabus. All topics taught within ACHO courses must be insurable by Holistic Insurance Services who are the ACHO Insurers.

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

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., or DTLLS (preferable), however people with City and Guilds 7407 / 7307 (both parts), or 7305/CTLLS will be considered on a case by case basis.

(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).

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

- have been fully qualified and working as a crystal healer for at least **two** years, if qualified through an ACHO 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 need to provide:

- a detailed CV
- a full two year course syllabus showing how crystals are to be used to comprise 90% of the syllabus
- a compatible scheme of work detailing how the Core Curriculum teaching will be fulfilled
- full lesson plans for at least six days

These documents will be circulated to the Principals of member schools for their feedback. This feedback process will take a couple of weeks.

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 (a minimum of three members). This interview is normally conducted via Skype.

6. PROBATIONARY PERIOD

Once accepted as members, there will be a period of probation which will last for two years. The Probationer will be assigned a Mentor who will be their primary contact and support over this period.

During this period there may be two or more visits from ACHO officers or their representatives. At least one visit may be during a tutoring session. As and where practicable students' work will be verified during these visits. Alternatively Probationary members may be asked to submit a sample of students' work for verification which will incur a verification charge.

7. MEMBERSHIP FEES

The fees for joining ACHO are 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 teaching session. Non-UK applicants will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

7.1 Annual Membership

Annual fees are payable and currently stand at £75 per school if paid promptly.

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 £160 per annum per organisation. This covers the Principal in their teaching work and therapy practice, public liability and malpractice. Other tutors must also be covered for teaching in addition to their practitioner insurance. ACHO will ask for copies of both School and any tutors' insurance certificates.

Student insurance is available for around £38 per annum under Holistic Insurance. Students must be advised to take out insurance whilst they are undertaking training to cover the case studies.

The group insurance scheme also provides for practitioners to acquire public liability and malpractice insurance at a reduced rate of around £70 per annum. Other therapy skills can be added where there is recognised certification.

OR

Show evidence of the provision of adequate insurance cover at least equivalent to that mentioned above.

NON-UK APPLICANTS

Non-UK applicants wishing to join ACHO must meet the same **criteria 1 to 8** as UK applicants. Non-UK applicants will be subject to local insurance arrangements and need to show that they are covered by insurance, commensurate with the country where they teach and to provide evidence of this in English.

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.

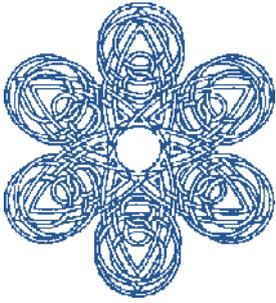
Please find attached a form to accompany your syllabus and CV. When completed, please send to me at the address below or preferably via email to: info@acho.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Sandra Hope Maskell, ACHO Secretary

Cloverly House, Mold Road, Hawarden, Ewloe, Deeside Flintshire CH5 3AU,

NB: if sending the application by post, send as 'Special Delivery' to the Secretary. We prefer you to send the information electronically and pay through PayPal: both to info@acho.co.uk Thank you



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

1. Details of Principal

Name:

Address:

Post Code:

Tel. No: (inc code)

Email:

Please attach Curriculum Vitae

2. Details of Joint Principal (where applicable)

Name:

Address:

Post Code:

Tel. No: (inc code)

Email:

Please attach Curriculum Vitae

Course Manager (where applicable)

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 ACHO policies and procedures.

I/We agree to the circulation of Curriculum Vitae and syllabus to all ACHO Full Members (Principals of Schools).

I/We enclose a cheque for £200 made payable to 'ACHO' or have sent £200 via PayPal to info@acho.co.uk

I/We enclose all required documents in support of this application as listed under point

Name of School:

Principal(s): signature:

Date: