

A Guide to Professional Development Points

Diversional Therapy Practice

Design, implement & evaluate a new/innovative program 5 points

This activity extends the member's current repertoire of activities. The activity does not have to be new to the practice of diversional therapy, but it must be a new activity for that member.

Design, implement & evaluate a diversional therapy special event 15 points

The special event must be a significant event within a facility or an activity involving a number of facilities. The activity must involve significant planning and organisation. Small, in-house annual celebrations do not fall into this category.

Carry out a continuous improvement activity 5 points 5 points

This activity must be specifically focused on diversional therapy practice, be well documented and be complex in nature (more than one aspect) or produce significant outcomes

Supervision of a diversional therapist/leisure professional 5 points

This requires the development of a documented introductory program for a Cert IV Leisure & Health or DTA recognised university course student or inducting a new worker to the DT department. The programme must extend for at least a week.

Involvement in community organisations 8 points

This category provides development scope for diversional therapists taking leadership roles in their local community organisations. The roles need to have some relevance to the diversional therapy field and be an ongoing commitment or a significant special event. Points apply for each year if an ongoing commitment.

Diversional Therapy Committee Participation

Participation in any DTA Board position 30 points

This activity provides opportunities to extend members' professional knowledge and skills. Points apply to each year in an official DTA Board position.

Attending a DTA network group or special interest group 2 points (group leader 3points)

This category recognizes participation in special interest or area network groups. Points apply to each meeting attended. Group leader gains an extra point for each meeting led by them.

Membership of a DTA special group small project 5 points medium project 10 points ongoing 20points

The board requires assistance from members on special groups eg Conference committee, education taskforce, network group co-ordinator, newsletter editor etc. Smaller project less than a month; Medium project 6 months or more. Ongoing project eg newsletter editor, conference committee.

DT Professional Education: Non-accredited

Attendance at workshop, seminar or course 8 points per day ;4 points per half day

Directly relevant to the practice of diversional therapy. 3-4 hours taken as half day; 6 hours or more is one day; 2 days 10 points; 3 days 15 points

Presenter at a workshop, seminar or course 10 points 30mins or more; Less than 30 mins

5 points

Directly relevant to the practice of diversional therapy and presentations must be of at least 1 hour duration.

DT specific in-service education 2 points

Attend a course within your facility which has been specifically arranged to address the needs of people working in the diversional therapy field. (Excludes mandatory training such as manual handling, OH&S, fire evacuation)

DT PD Online Session Development 2 points

Develop, submit and have approved for DTA use a DTA PD Online Session. The course needs to be submitted to DTA for approval and contain a simple assessment component worth 1 PD point for those who complete.

DT Professional Education: Conferences/Conventions

Attendance at conference or convention 8 points 1 day; 10 points 2 days; 15 points 3 days

Attend a conference/convention relevant to diversional therapy or leisure. This may include DTA National Conference; Redleaf Conference, Dementia & Recreation Conference; etc

Presenter at conference or convention 15 points 30mins or more; Less than 30 mins 8 points

Present at conference/convention relevant to diversional therapy or leisure. This may include DTA National Conference; Redleaf Conference, Dementia & Recreation Conference; etc

DT Professional Education: Accredited courses

Cert III 5 points;

Cert IV 20 points;

Assoc Diploma and Diploma Courses 25 points

Assoc Deg and Bachelor Degree Courses 30 points

Post Grad Cert and Diploma 32 points

Masters 35 points

Undertake a course which is formally assessed by a recognised educational institution that is accepted as professionally developing or formally recognised by DTA. Members may claim points for each year they are enrolled in the course. Courses include University, TAFE and other registered training organisation courses.

DT Research and Publications

Design, implement and evaluate a relevant research project. 30 points

The research project does not form part of an accredited course and will be relevant to DT or leisure practice.

Participation in a relevant research project 15 points

This includes: conducting interviews, collecting data, in a formal research project. Response to a DT research project by interview or questionnaire is not awarded points in this category.

Publish article in non-referenced newsletters or journals 10 points or 2 points for small feature

Does not include a member's own facility newsletter. The article must be in a publication for wider distribution to other diversional therapists or leisure professionals or practitioners in a related field and must be at least 750 words for 10 points. (Includes DTA Newsletter)

Publish article in a referenced journal 30 points

Publication in referenced journals may include Aged Care journals, Nursing journals, Activities journals, DTA Journal.