

STEPS TO CERTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION BENEFITS

Training through NILD Canada encompasses three levels to complete certification. Listed below are the qualifications and requirements for attaining each level to becoming an educational therapist.

NILD Level I training is the first step toward NILD professional certification. NILD Educational Therapists are encouraged to continue their training at a Level II course within three years. Those trained in the NILD model will be considered Educational Therapist interns until successful completion of Level II training. Level II training is the second step in a three step process to becoming a Professionally Certified Educational Therapist. Level III is the final step and must be completed within 5 years of completing Level II. Upon successful completion of the Level III course, therapists are considered a Professionally Certified Educational Therapist for one year and must apply for re-certification for PCET status the following year. To maintain this certification, specific expectations are required. These are outlined in our policies and procedures. (see below)

Level I Therapist

An intern educational therapist is a practicing Level I NILD Educational Therapist either in a school or private practice with one or more students, whether receiving remuneration from an employer or client, not receiving remuneration, or receiving remuneration in the form of exchange of services.

Level I therapists are intern therapists until Level II is completed.

- Interns receive a certificate valid for three years.
- Interns who have not completed all of Level II admission criteria or whose Level I certificate has lapsed must redo Level I at an audit price at the discretion of the Executive Director.
- All Intern Therapists will be assigned a mentor who is a Level III therapist.
 - It is the mentees responsibility to connect with their mentor.
 - The mentor will be available for monthly contact by phone or e-mail to answer questions until Level II is completed.
 - The mentor will critique the five core technique via video or on-site before attendance at Level II (must be completed between sessions 20-30) at no expense to the mentor.

- The intern should be encouraged to view at least one therapy session by an experienced therapist.
- The intern shall be responsible to cover mileage (at current CRA rates) as well as a flat fee of \$150.00 for each session critique and
- \$45/hour for parent meetings and follow-up parent conferences that require the mentor's presence.

Level II Admission Criteria

- Completion of all intern requirements
 - The intern must view a Level II therapy session (with Level II techniques) either live or on the website.
 - The intern must have completed a minimum of 80 student contact hours.
 - The intern must have demonstrated a therapy session (between sessions 20-30) to their mentor and have the evaluation sent to NILD Canada.
 - The intern must maintain NILD Canada yearly therapist registration and licensing.
 - Level II educational therapists receive a certificate that is valid for 3 years.
 - The intern must continue with Professional Development:
 - Proof of attendance at an Annual NILD Conference and/or workshops.

Level III Admission Criteria

- Successful completion of Level I and Level II training.
- Therapist must have completed a minimum of 160 contact hours between Levels II and III.

- Therapists who have not completed all of Level III admission criteria or whose Level II certificate has lapsed must either audit or redo Level II at the discretion of the Executive Director.
- Therapist must continue with Professional Development.
- Proof of attendance at an Annual NILD Conference and/or workshops.
- Therapists must maintain yearly NILD Canada registration and licensing
- Observe a live or recorded Level III NILD Educational Therapy™ session. This will be on line
 - through the members' only section at www.nildcanada.org.
- Two letters of reference from a school administrator, program coordinator, parent of a current student or teacher of a recent student

Professional Certified Educational Therapists

- After completing the Level III requirements, PCET certification is offered to the therapist for one year, upon the approval of the Executive Director. At the end of the year re-certification is required.
- RE-CERTIFICATION occurs yearly and includes the following:
 - Attendance at 1 Regional Conference within the last 2 years.
 - 160 student contact hours within the past year.
 - Complete TWO of the following options:
 - Complete an NILD supplementary course or workshop training
 - 3 CEUs (3 CEUs or approximately 18 hours) from education related classes/workshops, webinars or graduate courses.
 - Volunteer 20 hours in any of the following areas:
 - Media
 - Research/testing
 - Conference
 - Fundraising
 - Marketing
 - Become an NILD Mentor
 - Present a workshop at a NILD Conference or industry related conference: (include name, date and institution)
- PCETS must maintain yearly NILD Canada registration and licensing

Registration and Licensing

- All therapists are expected to register with NILD Canada on a yearly basis:
 - ***Intern Educational Therapist*** (Level I Therapist)
 - ***Educational Therapist*** (Level II and Level III Therapist without PCET)
 - ***Professional Certified Educational Therapist*** (Level III Therapist with fulfilled PCET requirements)
 - ***Registered Parent Educational Therapist*** (Parent Therapist, works exclusively with his or her own children)
 - ***Associate*** (a non-practicing Educational Therapist, school, Search and Teach provider, undergraduate college student, professional, or other interested individual and organization)

Benefits of Therapist Registration

- Legal use of NILD Canada™ Educational Therapy and methodology
- Legal use of NILD Canada™ name and logo on stationary.
- Listing on NILD Canada™ website.
- Access to the Registered Educational Therapists section of the NILD Canada website
 - Therapy support
 - Promotional Resources
 - Support teams
- Discount privileges for NILD Canada conferences
- Discount (10%) for NILD US conferences, courses and webinars
- Access to the NILD Facebook Group (closed)

Benefits of Parent Registration

- Legal use of NILD Canada™ Educational Therapy and methodology while working for their own children
- Access to the Registered Educational Therapists only section of the NILD Canada website.
 - Therapy support
 - Promotional Resources
 - Support teams
- Discounts privileges for NILD Canada conferences
- Discounts (10%) for NILD US conferences, courses and webinars.
- Access to NILD Facebook Group (closed)

Licensing

- All therapists who possess a manual and NILD copyrighted materials are required to sign a licensing agreement on a yearly basis which entitles them to specific uses of the NILD copyrighted materials (see licensing agreement for details)

Support Teams

- All registered therapists are divided by regions into support teams.
- Support teams are led by a leader (or leaders) and the group is mandated to:
 - Provide support and encouragement to their members.
 - Pursue public educational opportunities for their community.
 - Be involved in helping host conferences or aiding in the conference preparations.
 - Attend quarterly support meetings via Skype or in person.
 - Compile a list of resources for their local support team i.e. psychologists, audiologists etc.
 - Pursue professional development through a continuum of educational courses, technique review days and a variety of other methods.