



## **REGISTRATION POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

### **Licensee Benefits & Registration**

As a Registered Educational Therapist with NILD Canada, you are required to renew your registration and sign a license agreement annually by October 1st to continue practicing NILD Educational Therapy® and utilizing NILD's name, techniques, and/or copyrighted materials. A Registered Educational Therapist is any therapist (Intern, Parent, or Certified) practicing 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.

If a therapist is only working with their own children, they can register as a Registered Parent Educational Therapist.

As an NILD Canada licensee you can take advantages of these valuable benefits:

- Legal use of NILD name, logo, methodology and materials.
- Discount privileges for NILD Canada workshops, courses, and conferences.
- Discount (10%) for [NILD US](#) conferences, courses, and webinars.
- Access to the [NILD Educational Therapist Facebook Group](#).
- Access to the Registered Educational Therapists section of the NILD Canada website. This includes therapy support, promotional resources, and support teams.
- Listing on our [Find A Therapist](#) page, spotlighting your business.

### **NILD Educational Therapist Professional Certification**

We encourage all NILD Educational Therapists to work towards achieving and maintaining professional certification. Upon successful completion of NILD Educational Therapy® Level III course, the educational therapist is granted PCET status. This certification is renewed annually. The NILD Professionally Certified Educational Therapist (PCET) certification is recognized and respected by educational therapists, administrators, and parents alike. Educational therapists who earn this certification exemplify NILD's core values as they demonstrate integrity, stimulate learning and innovation, and promote teamwork and collaboration.

# Steps towards Certification

## Level I - Intern Registered Educational Therapist

- The intern must maintain NILD Canada yearly therapist registration and licensing.
- The intern must continue with Professional Development.
- The intern must attend NILD Canada's Annual Conference.
- All intern therapists are assigned a mentor who is an experienced Level II or III therapist.
  - The mentor is available for monthly contact by phone or e-mail to answer questions.
  - The mentor will critique the five core techniques online, via video or on-site before attendance at Level II (must be completed between sessions 20-30) at no expense to the mentor. The completed evaluation form must be sent to NILD Canada.
- Level II Course Pre-requisites:
  - Completion of Level I (within the last 3 years)
  - Completion of WJIV training course
  - Completion of all job embedded coaching sessions
  - 80 student hours
  - Demonstration of a therapy session
- Level II must be completed within 3 years of Level I. Therapists 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.

## Level II – Registered Educational Therapist

- The therapist must maintain NILD Canada yearly therapist registration and licensing.
- The therapist must continue with Professional Development.
- The therapist must attend NILD Canada's Annual Conference.
- Level III Course Pre-requisites:
  - Completion of Level I and II (within the last 3 years)
  - Completion of WJIV training courses
  - 160 student hours
  - Provide two letters of reference from a school administrator, program coordinator, parent of a current student or teacher of a recent student.
  - The therapist must observe a live or recorded Level III NILD Educational Therapy™ session.
- Level III must be completed within 3 years of Level II. Therapists who have not completed all of Level III admission criteria or whose Level II certificate has lapsed must redo Level II at an audit price.

### **Level III – Certified Educational Therapist**

Upon successful completion of the Level III course, therapists are granted PCET status (Professionally Certified Educational Therapist) for **one year** and must apply for re-certification the following year. To maintain this certification, specific expectations are required.

#### **NILD PCET Re-Certification Requirements**

- Attendance at our Annual Conference or Fall Seminar within the last year.
- 160 student contact hours within the past year
- Complete TWO of the following options:
  - An NILD Canada course or workshop, including FIE
  - Two NILD webinars or within related field
  - An NILD Canada mentor
  - A course or workshop in an education related field.
  - Present at an NILD Canada conference or industry related conference

If a therapist does not fulfill the PCET re-certification requirements, they can keep their Certified Educational Therapist status if they maintain their registration and license agreement. If for any reason a therapist is no longer practicing, they can choose to register as an associate until they resume their therapist position.

#### **Professional Support Teams**

All registered therapists are divided by regions into teams. Teams are led by a leader (or leaders) and the group is encouraged to:

- Provide support and encouragement to their members.
- Pursue public educational opportunities for their community.
- Participate in two Zoom online team meetings a year.
- Compile a list of professional resources for their local areas (psychologists, audiologists, developmental optometrists, etc.)