

Guidelines for Membership

In order to become a Collaborative Practitioner, you must complete, at minimum, the 12 hour basic collaborative training and have a recognised qualification in your area of collaborative practice. Both are important and are required to be a member of the Irish Association of Collaborative Practitioners.

The Association of Collaborative Practitioners gives one basic 12 hour training each year, which usually is done over a 2-day period.

New members who have undertaken the basic training in another jurisdiction will need to provide proof of the equivalent collaborative training from a recognised body in that other jurisdiction.

In addition to having taken the basic collaborative training, each category of **collaborative professional** must hold the requisite qualification in your area as follows:-

A. Family Consultants

A qualified Family Consultant must be a member of a professional body/bodies who meets the criteria as submitted to Government by the Psychological Therapies Forum with full registration to practice independently or must be a registered psychologist.

i. Child experts

Are qualified Family Consultants with specific training and experience working with children and families.

B. Lawyers

Must be either a qualified solicitor with a current practising certificate from the Law Society of Ireland Or a qualified Barrister who is a member of the Bar Association of Ireland.

C. Financial Experts

Must be either a certified accountant, a Qualified Financial Advisor or a Tax Specialist.

i. Actuary

Are qualified Financial Neutrals with specialised knowledge or experience in the specific area of pensions.

D. Mediators

Must be certified as a qualified mediator from the Mediators Institute of Ireland