



## **Eligibility Criteria for Members**

The **Global Holistic Wellness Practitioners Association (GHWPA)** provides membership to practitioners, educators, and organizations that align with our mission of promoting excellence in holistic, herbal, organic, natural, and alternative medicine practices. By becoming a member of GHWPA, individuals and organizations gain access to a network of like-minded professionals, industry recognition, and the opportunity to offer accredited certifications and services globally.

To ensure that our members maintain high standards of professionalism and integrity, the following **Eligibility Criteria for Members** have been established.

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## 1. Types of Membership

GHWPA offers several categories of membership based on professional experience, qualifications, and role within the holistic, herbal, organic, natural, and alternative medicine fields:

- **Practitioner Membership:** For individual professionals providing services in holistic, herbal, organic, natural, and alternative medicine practices.
  - **Training Provider Membership:** For individuals or organizations offering courses, training programs, or workshops in the above fields.
  - **Premium Membership:** For educational institutions, academies, or businesses providing extensive programs and certifications in holistic health and wellness.
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## 2. Eligibility Criteria for Practitioner Membership

### A. Professional Experience

- **Minimum of 2-5 years** of active practice in the holistic, herbal, organic, natural, or alternative medicine field.

- Experience can be demonstrated through client work, providing consultations, creating products, or engaging in hands-on practices in any of the relevant fields (e.g., herbalism, organic skincare, holistic health coaching).

## **B. Education and Training**

- **Formal or informal education** relevant to the practitioner's field of expertise (e.g., herbal medicine, aromatherapy, organic skincare formulation).
  - Formal education may include certifications, diplomas, or degrees from accredited institutions.
  - Informal education may include apprenticeship, mentorship, or self-study, provided there is sufficient practical experience or evidence of competency.
  - A **portfolio of work** (e.g., case studies, testimonials, product formulations) may be submitted to demonstrate expertise.

## **C. Adherence to Ethical Standards**

- Practitioners must adhere to the **GHWPA Code of Ethics** and professional conduct, ensuring client safety, confidentiality, and well-being at all times.
  - Commitment to ongoing **professional development** and staying updated on industry trends, research, and best practices.

## **D. Area of Specialization**

- Applicants must specify their **area(s) of specialization** (e.g., herbal remedies, organic skincare, holistic nutrition).
  - Specializations help to verify that the practitioner has adequate training and experience to provide expert services within their chosen field.

## **E. Insurance and Liability**

- Practitioners must carry **appropriate insurance** (e.g., professional liability insurance) to practice within their field.

- GHWPA encourages members to ensure that they meet local regulatory requirements for insurance coverage, where applicable.
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### 3. Eligibility Criteria for Training Provider Membership

#### A. Educational Offering

- Course providers must offer **educational programs** that align with GHWPA's standards for excellence in holistic, herbal, organic, natural, or alternative medicine.
  - The courses must demonstrate a clear learning objective and provide quality, actionable information relevant to the chosen field.
  - Educational content should be **up-to-date**, well-researched, and practical in nature to benefit practitioners or students.

#### B. Course Delivery

- Course providers must demonstrate an effective method of delivering education (e.g., online, in-person, blended).
  - Courses should include structured materials such as video tutorials, written content, assessments, and resources to support students' learning.
  - Course delivery must be **interactive**, with the option for student feedback or assessment to ensure student success.

#### C. Educator Qualifications

- Instructors must meet minimum qualification criteria, including:
  - **Professional experience** in the subject matter they teach (preferably 3+ years of practical experience).
  - **Formal or informal education** or certification in the field they teach (training, workshops, or mentorship).
  - A **portfolio** or sample course materials may be required for evaluation.

#### D. Quality Assurance

- Course providers must have an **internal quality assurance process** in place to ensure that all materials and teachings are of a high standard and relevant to the field.
  - This may include regular updates to course content, ensuring it reflects the latest developments and best practices in the industry.

#### E. Compliance with Regulations

- Course providers must adhere to all applicable **legal and regulatory requirements** for operating educational programs in their region (e.g., licensing, accreditation).
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### 4. Eligibility Criteria for Premium Membership

#### A. Established Institution

- Institutions must be well-established, with a **proven track record** of delivering education, training, or services in holistic, herbal, organic, natural, or alternative medicine fields.
  - Institutions should have a **valid business registration** and provide recognized educational programs.

#### B. Accredited Programs

- Institutions should offer **accredited or recognized training programs** that align with GHWPA's standards for quality and professionalism.
  - Accreditation from other recognized bodies (if applicable) can enhance an institution's eligibility but is not mandatory.

#### C. Experienced Faculty and Staff

- Institutions must have **qualified instructors and facilitators** who meet GHWPA's practitioner and educator criteria and who have relevant experience and certifications in their teaching areas.

#### **D. Educational Resources**

- Institutions must provide comprehensive educational resources to support student learning, including well-structured curriculum, training manuals, and assessments.

#### **E. Ethical Practices**

- Institutions must operate with integrity, transparency, and professionalism, ensuring that all courses, training, and educational offerings are delivered in an ethical manner.
    - Institutions must adhere to GHWPA's **Code of Ethics** and ensure that their faculty, staff, and students follow these principles.
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### **5. General Terms for All Members**

#### **A. Agreement to GHWPA Code of Ethics**

- All members must agree to adhere to the **GHWPA Code of Ethics** and conduct themselves professionally at all times.

#### **B. Membership Fees**

- Membership fees will apply based on the category of membership and will be required annually or as specified.
  - Fees are non-refundable, and the membership will be renewed based on continued eligibility and adherence to GHWPA standards.

#### **C. Ongoing Professional Development**

- Members must engage in **continuing education** and development as part of their membership. This can include attending GHWPA workshops, webinars, and accessing educational resources offered through the GHWPA network.
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## **Conclusion**

The **Global Holistic Wellness Practitioners Association (GHWPA)** strives to bring together a diverse community of practitioners, educators, institutions, and affiliates who share a common passion for promoting holistic, herbal, organic, natural, and alternative health practices. By setting clear eligibility criteria, we ensure that our members are committed to upholding high standards of professionalism, ethical conduct, and quality in their respective fields.

These eligibility criteria are designed to create a global network of experts and support members in advancing their careers, expanding their knowledge, and contributing to the betterment of the holistic health and wellness community.