

Australian College of Relationship Counsellors

How to become a practising member of the Australian College of Relationship Counsellors

Steps:

1. Review your eligibility criteria which is attached below. These are linked to your membership level- if you are provisional please see Provisional member requirements for ACRC, and if you are clinical please see Clinical member requirements for ACRC.
2. Compile your corresponding documents. Please see below the types of evidence documents required.
3. Send your documents over to membership@pacfa.org.au and explain you would like to apply for practising membership of the college.
4. For PACFA individual members- if you are happy to have this as your single college membership then you do not need to pay a fee, however if you are adding this as another college membership alongside another one then you will need to pay the annual college membership fee of \$80.
5. For PACFA Member Association members, once approved for membership you will need to pay for the college annual membership fee of \$80.
6. Once you have been approved by the membership team via email we will send you a link to pay for this via the portal.

Provisional member requirements:

- The College's Training Standards: At least 100 hours of specialised relationship counselling as outlined in the College's Training Standards which may be included in training or in post-training specialised relationship counselling course(s).

Clinical member requirements:

- The College's Training Standards: At least 100 hours of specialised relationship counselling as outlined in the College's Training Standards which may be included in training or in post-training specialised relationship counselling course(s).
 - Practice: At least 500 hours of the 750 post-qualifying client contact hours in couple and/or family face to face relationship counselling.
 - Supervision: At least 50 hours of the 75 hours of post-training supervision must be one to one supervision on relationship counselling.

Evidence Documents:

For Training Standards:

- Unit descriptions from the handbook of your training which show the unit was in relationship/family counselling. The unit descriptions include the number of hours of study.
- Certificate and transcript from short courses on relationship counselling which total more than 100 hours of training

For Practice requirements (if you are applying for clinical):

- A letter from your supervisor confirming that 500 client hours of your 750 hours for the clinical registration was in relationship counselling and that 50 hours of supervision of the 75 was supervision on relationship counselling.
- A letter from your employer confirming the same as above.