



## MEMBERSHIP

### 1. Introduction

Hong Kong College of Community Health Practitioners Limited 香港社區健康學院有限公司 (hereinafter called "the College") was incorporated in December 2017, with the following objectives:

- to advance the art and science of the practice of community health;
- to enhance and improve the quality of community health care;
- to promote and maintain a high standard of professional ethics and conduct among practitioners in community health;
- to promote professional training, continuing education and health care research in community health;
- to establish local and international recognition of the College as a professional body in community health practice;
- to hold meetings, conferences, and social functions for the benefits of the practitioners in community health.

#### **Benefits to Members**

(a) Professional Recognition – **FHKCCHP, DHKCCHP and AFHKCCHP**

(b) Personal Development in Community Health -

- i. Continuing professional development (CPD)
- ii. Training programmes
- iii. Mentorship
- iv. Networking
- v. Career advancement

(c) Community Contribution -

- i. Community services
- ii. Participation in community centre - self health management
- iii. Enhancement in understanding the local communities

(d) Academic and Scholarly Activities

### 2. Membership

College Members are citizens with good personal and professional standing.

#### **A. Honorary Fellows**

Honorary Fellows who are of local, national or international eminence, or who have rendered exceptional services to the specialty of community health or to the College.

#### **B. Fellows**

Members who have passed the examinations, or have possessed such other qualifications in community health as the Council shall deem fit from time to time.

They shall have the right to vote and the right to be elected at meetings of the College or of the Council. Subscribing Fellows can use the post-nominal FHKCCHP.

#### **C. Diplomates**

Non-local Members who have possessed such qualifications in community health equivalent to College Fellows as the Council shall deem fit from time to time.

They shall have no right to vote or to be elected at meetings of the College or of the Council. Subscribing Diplomates can use the post-nominal DHKCCHP.

#### **D. Associate Fellows**

Members who are holders of academic or professional qualifications recognized by the College.

They shall have no right to vote or to be elected at meetings of the College or of the Council. Subscribing Associate Fellows can use the post-nominal AFHKCCHP.

#### **E. Associate Members**

Members who are with an interest in the advancement of community health and the objects of the College.

They shall have no right to vote or to be elected at meetings of the College or of the Council.

#### **F. Student Members**

Full-time higher education students who have an interest in the advancement of community health and the objects of the College.

They shall have no right to vote or to be elected at meetings of the College or of the Council.

### **3. Admission to Fellowship**

**A. Fellows** are Associate Fellows, who shall have possessed all of the following:

- (i) basic requirement of

- a. a postgraduate qualification accepted by the Council; or
- b. 200 hours of continuing professional development (CPD) and a dissertation of 4,000 words on a community health topic;
- (ii) having passed the Oral examination of the College; and
- (iii) three years of field experience.

**B. Associate Fellows** shall possess one of the following:

- (i) an undergraduate qualification accepted by the Council; or
- (ii) a post-secondary qualification, such as Associate Diploma or Higher Diploma, plus 100 hours of CPD and two years of field experience; or
- (iii) an Associate membership, plus 150 hours of CPD and three years of field experience.

**C. Accredited CPD activities:**

- (i) Participation in activities organized by the College and other professional bodies endorsed by the Chief Censor;
- (ii) Self-study;
- (iii) Formal courses;
- (iv) Community social services;
- (v) Chairing or presenting at seminars ;
- (vi) Teaching or serving as examiners;
- (vii) Publications;
- (viii) Research; or
- (ix) Academic visits and exchange programmes.

**4. How to apply**

All applications are made by completing the e-Application Form (<https://goo.gl/forms/B17Opi1c0lbsqN0k1>) with scanned copy of supporting documents.

Applications shall be considered by the Council which shall have full discretion for approval or rejection. Enquiry: the HKCCHP Membership Committee at [membership@hkcchp.org](mailto:membership@hkcchp.org).

**5. Admission Fee and Annual Subscription**

**Admission Fee : HK\$200**

Each approved member shall pay an annual subscription as follows:

Honorary Fellows	-	Nil
Fellows / Diplomates	-	HK\$500
Associate Fellows	-	HK\$200 (waived for the first two years for new members from 2021)
Associates	-	HK\$100
Students	-	Admission and subscription are waived.

Annual subscription for each member is due on 1st October in each calendar year and will cover a period of 12 months ending on 30th September of the ensuing year. Members who are admitted between 1st October and 31st March of the subscription year shall pay the full amount of the subscription, and those who are admitted between 1st April and 30th September of the subscription year shall pay half of that amount.

For current Members applying for advancement of membership, no admission fee is required. Certificates and transcripts of degree obtained after the previous application, if any, need to be submitted. Email soft copies of relevant certificates to [membership@hkccchp.org](mailto:membership@hkccchp.org).

## **6. Termination of Membership**

- (a) A Member may withdraw from membership of the College by giving 7 days' notice to the College in writing.
- (b) Membership is not transferable.
- (c) A person's membership terminates when that person dies or ceases to exist.
- (d) The member has been in default of the subscription or other monies owed to the College for more than 6 months.
- (e) If any Member shall violate the Rules of the College from time to time made, or if such Member's conduct in or out of the College shall in the opinion of the Council Members, be injurious to the character or interests of the College, the Council Members shall, after enquiry, resolve by at least a two third majority to expel such Member from the College. Such Member, however, shall have the right by written notice to the Council Members within 14 days of being notified in writing of the passing of such resolution to request the calling of an Extraordinary General Meeting to determine this matter. The Council Members shall thereupon by giving at least 14 days' notice, call an Extraordinary General Meeting to determine such appeal.

## **7. Notes**

All the above-mentioned terms will be subject to the decisions of the Council. All members undertake at all times to abide by and operate within them, Rules and Regulations related to members, and other ongoing requirements under the Articles of Association of the College, which will be amended from time to time.

All Members have responsibility to inform the College for any change of particulars e.g. corresponding address, e-mail address etc. The College will not be responsible for any issues arise as a result of member's failure to inform the College.