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What is a Master Therapist?



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The Master Therapist Designation

Designation as a Master Therapist is the highest honor the American Psychotherapy Association can bestow upon a member. It recognizes those exceptional professionals, such as psychotherapists, psychologists, psychiatrists, psychoanalysts, social workers, counselors, pastoral counselors, marriage and family therapists, clergy, psychiatric nurses, and other helping professionals, who have done the following:

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- Demonstrated a mastery of psychotherapy skills and knowledge
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The Master Therapist credential is the professional designation that demonstrates to colleagues and clients the holder's significant and enduring career contributions.



Application Process

To apply for the Master Therapist designation, applicants must hold Diplomate status within the American Psychotherapy Association and have a minimum of 10 years of experience in the mental health field. In addition, applicants must complete **one** of the following:

- Present an approved, one-hour minimum National Conference workshop
- Write an approved continuing education article for the Annals of the American Psychotherapy Association
- Submit an approved continuing education course

Guidelines concerning the development of the project must be met, and the board must approve the abstract for the presentation, article, or course. The project must be presented, published, or completed to be counted towards task completion.

Applicants should submit a portfolio of the following documentation:

- Current Curriculum Vitae
- Documentation of service to professional associations, including offices held, committees on which you have served, and roles as a keynote speaker, chair, or discussant at professional meetings
- List of dissertations, theses, books, chapters in books, journal articles, papers published in conference proceedings, case studies, and book reviews
- Photocopies of degrees, diplomas, certificates, and licenses
- Records of community service
- Awards received from professional associations, institutions of higher learning, community service organizations, etc.
- Two letters of recommendation from professional colleagues describing your practice, professional activities, and commitment and contributions to the field
- Case studies that demonstrate the positive impact your work has had on individuals, families, or groups



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