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The Professional Advice Service (PAS) of the CSP has recently had several enquiries from members with regard to educational programmes in acupuncture, so would like to provide information on iCSP so it is accessible to all.

The Professional Advice Service (PAS) of the CSP receives many enquiries from CSP members on a range of issues, of late several of these have been related to educational programmes in acupuncture. At the current time, the only post-registration modality that has a formal CSP statement with regard to the expectations of educational programmes, is Therapeutic Injection Therapy in neuro and/or MSK specialties.

A physiotherapist who wishes to practise any modality must ensure that they are educated, trained and competent in that modality.

The CSP understands that physiotherapists who wish to develop acupuncture skills may choose from a range of educational providers which include a range of private, professional body, and/or Higher Education Institutes. It is for the individual physiotherapist to select a course, offered by any one of these providers, which best meets their own needs. The CSP does not specify which course a CSP member must choose.

Practising 'physiotherapy' is predicated upon being HPC registered which in turn means completion of an HPC-approved pre-registration physiotherapy programme. Beyond that, practising any individual physiotherapy modality is not predicated upon further belonging to a specified professional network. Membership of a Professional Network is a personal choice made by a member and is not a condition of practice.

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