

# ASSERT NSW

## Professional Member – Sex Educator

A sexuality educator is a person with the following qualifications and criteria.

### 1. Professional qualifications

A degree from a recognized University in Australia as listed in the Australian Qualifications Framework, register of recognized institutions (<http://www.agf.edu.au/register.htm>) or from an international institution listed in the National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (NOOSR) register (<http://www.workplace.gov.au/workplace/Individual/Migrant/NationalOfficeofOverseasSkillsRecognitionNOOSR.htm>).

It is preferable that the degree is in an area related to sex education methodology and has 84 hours of course content in education.

It is expected that a sexuality educator has completed **further education** in sexuality and sexual health. This training should be:

- A degree or diploma in sexual health from a University
- Additional educational opportunities such as sexual health courses, workshops or sexual health conferences will be considered by the ASSERT NSW Accreditation Committee.
- Evidence of a high level of skill as a sex educator.

### 2. Currently working as a sex educator

- Must have over the last two years provided, at least **200 hours** of sex education to health professionals, students or the general community.

### 3. ASSERT NSW Code of Ethics

The applicant will have read the ASSERT NSW Code of Ethics. By signing the application form, the applicant agrees to be bound by the ASSERT NSW Code of Ethics.

### 4. Professional training documentation for sexuality education

- Detailed documentation of minimum of 200 hours experience in providing sex education.

The following would be considered examples of sex education:

- Tutor, lecturer or coordinator of a teaching unit offered as part of a degree program in sexology, sexual health, and health promotion.
- Teaching in the field of human sexuality and reproductive health, such as Family Planning Education Teams, university teaching work in sex, high school teaching and training, youth work, religious institutions or related health or outreach agency.
- Teaching or development of teaching programs in the field of human sexuality and reproductive health.

### **5. Professional Member - Sexuality Educator - Special Circumstances**

The accreditation committee of ASSERT NSW recognizes that there may be applicants with extensive experience in sex education who have not had the opportunity of a formal qualification in the area. The committee will consider these applications individually under this 'special circumstances category'.

Special circumstances could include specialisation in one or limited areas of sex education. The ASSERT NSW Accreditation Committee will review the documentation of education and work experience of the applicant to determine the applicant's membership status.

### **6. Documentation**

The following documentation must be submitted to the ASSERT NSW Accreditation Committee:

1. Completed application form for ASSERT NSW Accredited Professional Membership, signed and dated
2. Official transcripts of program(s) in which degree(s) and diploma(s) were earned.
3. *Documentation of 200 hours of education that provided in the area of human sexuality within the last 2 years. Documentation must include the dates, name of organization that is providing the education, and outline of the educational program, signed by a supervisor, colleague or professional referee.*
4. A nomination signature from an ASSERT NSW Professional Member, supporting the application or two professional referees supporting the application.
5. Copy of current professional insurance.
6. Complete the Permission to display professional details on the ASSERT NSW website. Please note this is at the bottom of the application form.

## **7. Membership**

Upon approval of the ASSERT NSW Accreditation Committee, the successful applicant will receive a letter in recognition of having met the ASSERT NSW requirements for accredited professional membership in the area of sex education.

The applicant will then be invited to become a member of ASSERT NSW. When the applicant has accepted the offer, they will be required to pay a membership fee. On receipt of the membership fee, the applicant will receive notification of their professional membership.

The applicant will be requested to provide their permission to display their professional details on the ASSERT NSW website.

In order to maintain accredited professional sex educator membership of ASSERT NSW, every three years members must submit documentation of:

- 100 hours of sex education annually
- 80 hours of ongoing appropriate education (An electronic template will be provided in the New Members Welcome to ASSERT NSW pack)

To retain the ASSERT NSW Professional Sex Therapy status, the member must pay membership on an annual basis. If membership lapses accreditation status will also lapse.