



Whether you are looking to become part of a professional community within the eating disorders treatment field, building your clinical skills through educational opportunities, seeking a mentor or supervisor, or you are searching for professional development to enhance your career opportunities locally, nationally or internationally, **iaedp™** is most certainly the way to go!

Membership in **iaedp™** exposes you to new opportunities and people that could help you now and in the future.

- You develop a network where you meet like-minded professionals that face similar challenges and who may be able to provide insights into solutions that have worked for them.
- In the process you are reaping the benefits of:
 - increased credibility,
 - broadened knowledge,
 - potential career opportunities,
 - and --last but certainly not least-- lifelong friendships.
- Most of us can say easily that without the support of our peers and the professional organizations to which we belong, we would not be nearly as successful.

Membership Rewards!

- Members receive discounted registration fees at the annual symposium.
- Members receive discounted core course registration fees.
- Members have an opportunity to participate in a ceu program through ce-credits online by reviewing iaedp webinars.
- Members are listed in our online referral and membership directory.
- Discounted liability Insurance.
- At the Chapter level you will receive attention to state and local issues, referral sources, and a network of colleagues.
- iaedp is an excellent forum for the exchange of ideas and information in our field. We offer many forums for our members including a searchable online membership database, list serve, blog featuring current eating disorder news items for discussion, committees and chapters, surveys, newsletters, annual symposium and the iaedp café (available to symposium attendees).
- Another, often overlooked, advantage of joining iaedp™ is that in some cases it will help you emerge as a community leader. For example, as

a representative of a local iaedp chapter, you may have the opportunity to speak about eating disorders at local schools, parent groups, and colleges. Or, you may volunteer to speak at your local community college to discuss working in the eating disorders treatment field. These opportunities will enable you to educate people, as well as develop relationships with potential clients that could mature at some point down the road. In any case, this type of publicity and willingness to educate and interact with the public could help you familiarize the community with your name. Your iaedp™ affiliation opens doors to these opportunities!

- iaedp™ allows a congregation of intelligent, like-minded professionals that are immersed in the inner workings of the field to gather and provide access to a variety of opinions and ideas.
- Simply being a card-carrying member of iaedp™ doesn't necessarily mean that you are a productive member. In order to develop your knowledge base, establish new friendships and hone your therapeutic skills, you must attend meetings regularly.
- In addition, you should mingle with as many members as possible. Introducing yourself to members will enable you to learn about new aspects of treatment or services that may be available.
- Incidentally, you'll also get a better feel for what other professionals are charging for particular services, which may give you a competitive advantage in your area.
- Lastly, consider writing articles in the organization's newsletter (Member Spotlight), or write as an iaedp member or certified professional in some other venue such as a local newspaper and/or on a well-visited website. The advantage here is not only to educate potential clients, but also to get your name in front of as many people as possible.
- Joining a professional organization requires some dedication, but your involvement will help you to stay on top of what's happening in the field.
- It may also help to inspire ideas that in turn could grow your own practice.

iaedp™ Mission: *To promote a high level of professionalism among practitioners who treat those suffering from eating disorders by promoting ethical and professional standards, offering education and training in the field, certifying those who have met prescribed requirements, promoting public and professional awareness of eating disorders and assisting in prevention efforts.*

Certification

iaedp™ is the only organization that offers you a platform to demonstrate your competency through certification.

"Certification of individual clinicians is the cornerstone of effective patient care."

- The crucial issue is what happens when the patient and therapist are face-to-face behind closed doors. Effective care depends on the knowledge and expertise of the individual health care provider rather than the reputation of a facility or organization or by a self acclamation of expertise.
- iaedp™ established the certification process to promote standards of excellence within the field of eating disorders treatment.
- Professionals who demonstrate clinical expertise through education, experience and a rigorous examination are eligible for certification.
- iaedp™ also offers the Equivalency Certification for both CEDS and CEDRD for those experienced professionals who are able to demonstrate eating disorder proficiency and expertise through a range of stringent equivalency requirements

iaedp™ Membership Helps You... Strengthen Your Knowledge and Skills

- The value of the overall iaedp™ program is perhaps best seen in its annual Symposium. The conference draws attendees from all corners of the globe. It is geared to the needs and problems of those who work with patients in a therapeutic environment. Interchange among participants is constant and challenging: workshops, professional development Institutes and plenary sessions focus on "cutting edge" information and techniques. In this conference, the emphasis is on exchange of information, not just listening!
- iaedp™ Chapters offer quarterly educational and networking programs
- The iaedp Institute offers many options for online learning

iaedp™ Membership Helps You... Gain Recognition and Advance Your Career

- Emerge as a community leader
- Certification and membership builds your credibility and standing in the field and with the public

- Publicity and willingness to educate and interact with the public could help you familiarize the community with your name

iaedp™ Chapters provide local and regional opportunities for professional development and networking!

- If there is a chapter in your area, you can experience the benefits of iaedp™ membership on a local level.
- When you join at a chapter meeting, you will receive your first year's membership reduced by almost 50%!
- When you renew your membership, iaedp™ national rebates 13% of your dues back to your local chapter treasury to help fund their activities.
- If there isn't a chapter in your area, consider starting one. iaedp™ national supports chapter creation by providing the legal framework and financial accounting framework for startup.

iaedp™ Committees offer you an opportunity to meet others on a national level and develop your leadership skills or mentor others who are new to the field! Please contact us if you are interested in being involved! Current committees are:

Awards
Certification
International Relations
Fundraising
Membership and Chapters
Education
Ethics
Emerging Professionals
Symposium Abstract Review

iaedp™ is working for you and succeeding!

Take pride in being a part of the ***only professional eating disorders association that certifies professionals*** in the field. The ***only professional organization dedicated solely to the clinicians who treat patients in therapeutic settings***. As a member, you make our success possible!

Help iaedp™ achieve even more! Share these accomplishments and the benefits of belonging with your colleagues. With each new member, iaedp™ grows stronger. To request membership information for a friend, colleague, or student, contact iaedp™ Member Services at 800-800-8126 x80 or email iaedpmembers@earthlink.net with any questions you may have!

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