



## Professional Development FAQs

If our Affiliation is for 5 years, does this mean that I add two more years onto my expiration year?

- Because we rolled out the Professional Development program with many affiliates already within various timelines of expiration, we've prorated the credits current affiliates will need to earn to maintain their affiliate status. If you were set to expire in 2022, you still are regardless of the new professional development program. You will now need to earn 10 credits over the course of 2022 to maintain your affiliate status, which will then renew for another 5 years at the end of 2022.

If I am a current fellow, do I pick up right in our current 5 year fellowship cycle (EX: I took the training in 2015 but fellowship in 2018, so I am in a five year cycle starting with my fellowship in 2018, prorated to 20 credits by the end of 2023?).

- If you completed the NMT training or NMT fellowship prior to 2022, then the following is relevant to you: If you are currently set to expire at the end of 2022, you will need to collect 10 credits before the end of the year. If you are set to expire in 2023, you will need to collect 20 credits before the end of 2023. If you are set to expire in 2024, you will need to collect 30 credits before the end of 2024. If you are set to expire in 2025, you will need to collect 40 credits before the end of 2025. If you are set to expire in 2026, you will need to collect 50 credits before the end of 2026.
- If you completed the NMT training during or after 2022, you will need to collect 50 credits prior to the expiration of your affiliate status.

For expiration in 2023 can you retro fit?

- If you expire in 2023, you may submit for professional development credits from opportunities from 2022-2023. Opportunities before 2022 will not be accepted.

Can I use a conference from 2020 or 2021 toward my required credits?

- If you expire in 2022, your 10 credits must be from 2022. If you expire in 2023, your credits must be from 2022-2023, and so on.

How do I know what my official NMT Affiliation is under the new structure?

- You can check your Affiliation status at <https://nmtacademy.co/findannmt/>. The Academy maintains seven affiliation categories that define representation, responsibility, and the level of expertise and engagement in the advanced practice of NMT: Neurologic



Music Therapist (NMT), NMT Fellow (NMT-F), NMT Allied Professional (NMTAP), NMT Allied Professional Fellow (NMTAP-F), NMT Scholar, NMT Educator, and Student.

- If you were an NMT Fellow or an NMT before, you still are! These additions allow our allied professionals to denote their training in NMT.

What are the requirements for giving a keynote presentation about Neurologic Music Therapy?

- If asked to give a keynote presentation about NMT, we ask that you meet the following criteria:
  - You should hold the MT-BC credential or certification or credential from another country and in the case of those practicing outside the U.S., hold an appropriate music therapy degree; or hold a certification or credential in another profession dedicated to treating persons with neurologic impairments.
  - Have successfully completed a current NMT Institute Training within the last 3 years and preferably an NMT Fellowship within the last 5 years.
  - Properly represent the practice of NMT by operating within your scope of understanding and seek support through the Academy as needed in order to protect the NMT treatment model.

Will it be possible for Affiliates and Fellows to check how many credits they have logged, or should they keep track on our own?

- It can be helpful to keep track of the hours you log but you can also contact the academy at [nmt@nmtacademy.co](mailto:nmt@nmtacademy.co) for an official record.

Are we able to log a combination of supervision hours on one form or do we need to upload each supervision session separately?

- You may log as many hours of supervision as you would like on one form submission, but you can only log one type of professional development at a time.

How many credits will I receive if I retake the training?

- NMT Clinical Practice Workshop (up to 30 credits will be listed on your certificate of completion)
- NMT Basic Training (up to 30 credits will be listed on your certificate of completion)
- Advanced Fellowship Training (Online and In Person) (up to 20 credits)



How are NMTAP and others going to be notated in the registry – instead of the traditional notation of “members?”

- Status column has been added to the Affiliate Roster- <https://nmtacademy.co/findannmt/>

Can we apply NMT credits to other professional organizations (e.g., CBMT, CAMT) at the same time?

- Absolutely, as long as they meet the criteria for both organizations.

When attending a conference, does it have to be a specific NMT conference or would the AMTA conference count?

- The content you are claiming needs to be relevant to Music and Neuroscience (e.g., if you attend an AMTA conference and there is a neuroscience track and you can justify why it is relevant to your work in NMT then you can get credit)

What about self-study? Where can we find the materials or books? How many credits do we receive?

- This is material that you find on your own or on the NMT Website. We try to keep our research pages up to date with recent research: <https://nmtacademy.co/whats-new/> and <https://nmtacademy.co/supporting-research-by-technique/>. The material must be relevant to Music and Neuroscience. The credit amount will be based on the number of hours you spend. You can earn up to 5 credits within Self Study.

Will we be required to complete an NMT Fellowship or NMT Institute Training in addition to the required 50 credits?

- You have the option to retake the NMT Training or complete an NMT Fellowship Training for credits towards your Professional Development Credits, but it is no longer a requirement.

Do you have to be a Fellow to start a support chapter?

- Yes! However, others may help in logistical and clerical ways.

How do we log our hours on the NMT website?

- You can log your credits on a rolling basis by completing the following form: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdY4lpmXvgylZi05-1zgmdcWEEmsRt\\_1NVQ9kGq6W0IVEWV-A/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdY4lpmXvgylZi05-1zgmdcWEEmsRt_1NVQ9kGq6W0IVEWV-A/viewform)



Did I need to acquire 10 credits every year or can credits roll over if you get more than 10 in one year in order to total 50 credits?

- You can complete the 50 credits at any rate throughout the 5 years.

Where on the website can I find the rules/regulations for the new affiliate requirements?

- You can find all of this information on the website, as well as the recordings of the presentations, here: <https://nmtacademy.co/professional-development/>

Would a presenter for a fellowship group get more credit/presentation than a participant?

- All who attend a Fellowship, present at the Fellowship training. After completing your Fellowship, you can log the amount of hours that you prepared and attended the training for credit here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdY4IpmXvgylZj05-1zgmdcWEEmsRt\\_1NVQ9kGq6W0IWEWV-A/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdY4IpmXvgylZj05-1zgmdcWEEmsRt_1NVQ9kGq6W0IWEWV-A/viewform)

If you retroactively watch a global meeting, does it only count if it refers to recordings of meetings from 2022 and on, or does this extend to watching earlier meetings?

- You may watch any Global Support Meeting and submit it for NMT credit as long as you watch it after Jan. 2022.