

## **Progression Routes**

As a professional organisation we are committed to helping our members to progress to professional status, while continuing to uphold the standards of practice which have been established for Shiatsu in the UK for over 30 years.

Professional Membership of the Shiatsu Society (MrSS, SrSS and FwSS) is recognised within the Complementary and Alternative community as THE standard for professional practice of Shiatsu. Organisations such as the CNHC (the Complementary & Natural Healthcare Council; a voluntary Regulator and Government Accredited Register) acknowledge this standard as the criterion for inclusion on their register. Also the London Boroughs grant exemption from licence requirements to Members of our Professional Register.

Our Ratification scheme enables graduates from Ratified Schools to proceed automatically onto the Register, since those Schools provide a minimum 500 hour training over three years which complies with the SSUK Learning Outcomes based Core Curriculum. If you have studied in non-Ratified Schools or overseas you are welcome to join the Society as an Associate. You can then apply to the Education sub committee to be considered for MrSS. In some cases we will accept your overseas Diploma if you can show us that it is broadly equivalent to Diplomas provided by Ratified Schools, or if you are a Professional member of your national Shiatsu organisation. The agreed procedure for inclusion is set out below, you will need:

1. A copy of your Shiatsu diploma (if this is not already in the SSUK database); AND
2. A copy of the school's syllabus which should include a minimum 500 hours class contact time; AND
3. Copies of any other Shiatsu-related certificates/diplomas proving your level of study (OPTIONAL); AND
4. A Statement (written or presentation) including description of any professional experience accrued at a minimum of a L3 level.
5. A recommendation letter after giving 1x Shiatsu Treatment on a Fellow (FwSS) and an interview on the Code of Ethics.