

SPPA Endorsement Higher Education Courses



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Changes to Endorsement of Courses Across Higher Education Levels 4 – 7*

The Social Pedagogy Professional Association (SPPA) upholds standards of social pedagogic practice in the UK (England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland). SPPA holds a register of learning programmes (courses and qualifications) which demonstrate that they offer high quality learning in social pedagogy. For this reason, SPPA upholds Standards of Education and Training (SETs) to ensure that social pedagogy qualifications, courses and other learning programmes are consistently facilitated to this standard by providers across the UK.

**Pls refer to Appendix 1 in the SETs for UK Qualification Comparison Chart*

“SPPA promotes excellent social pedagogy education and practice, allowing for creativity and uniqueness”

The Standards of Proficiency for Social Pedagogues and Social Pedagogy Practitioners constitute the professional standards for all those using these titles. SPPA does not wish to proceduralise or bureaucratised the practice of social pedagogy, and for this reason, the use of these titles relates to the Level of training, study, and practice achieved (endorsed by SPPA), and not to differentiated lists of competencies. **The Standards of Proficiency represent the threshold levels of practice that all those practising social pedagogy should uphold and be able to demonstrate.**

The titles conferred by SPPA are as follows:

- 1. Social Pedagogue – upon successful completion of a Level 7 qualification in Social Pedagogy**
- 2. L6 Social Pedagogy Practitioner – upon successful completion of a Level 6 qualification in Social Pedagogy**
- 3. L5 Social Pedagogy Practitioner – upon successful completion of a Level 5 qualification in Social Pedagogy**
- 4. L4 Social Pedagogy Practitioner – upon successful completion of a Level 4 qualification in Social Pedagogy**

These titles are conferred following successful completion of endorsed learning programmes.

The title Social Pedagogue is conferred when an endorsed learning programme is able to map against PSRB requirements relevant to the country in which it is delivered. This enables bearers of the title to apply for entry onto professional registers, such as Social Work England in England.

The degree of a practitioner's knowledge, skill, and competence, is regulated via the Standards of Education and Training at that Level (Levels 4 to 7) via endorsement.