**The Swedish Society of Hand Therapists (SFH) certification process**

Certification program as of: 2018

**Certification process description**

The Swedish Society of Hand Therapy (SFH) have created a *Checklist for advanced specialisation in hand therapy* and a *Distribution of point system* to achieve accreditation in order to apply for the ECHT. The checklist consists of six levels: professional experience, advanced courses/qualifications related to hand therapy, personal contribution to the field of hand therapy, promotion of specialism/sharing of expertise, splinting/manual therapy techniques, contribution to the national society. The distribution of points are divided in 3 sections with a total score of minimum 70 points: knowledge, sharing of knowledge and promotion of hand therapy.

Generally all applicants need to be licensed as physical- or occupational therapists with a minimum of 5 years clinical experience including 4000 hours hand therapy clinical practice, a member of SFH for a minimum of 3 years, attended SFH´s annual meeting in Sweden on at least 2 different occasions, a letter of recommendation from the head of the clinic and 2 ordinary members of the SFH, courses at advanced level with a minimum of 15 ECTS- within occupational and/or physical therapy and active contribution to hand therapy.

**Title awarded**

No title is awarded but achieving the Swedish accreditation allows the candidate to submit an application for the ECHT.

**Renewal process**

The Swedish accreditation can only be achieved with one submission and it is valid for a period of 5 years. If requested, a renewal of the accreditation is possible.

**Website**

www.sfh.nu