



Continuing Professional Development

At no time in our history have we experienced such a rapid evolution in the global economy. New structures of work and learning are emerging, and new ways of thinking are needed if we are to continue to function effectively in a world that is becoming increasingly chaotic and unpredictable. It is more important now than ever before for people in all fields to commit themselves to the process of continuing professional development (CPD).

CPD, as a key component of lifelong learning, can be defined as the systematic maintenance and improvement of knowledge, skills and competence, and the enhancement of learning, undertaken by an individual throughout his or her working life.

The CPD Institute is a cross-professional body established to offer recognition to, and provide support for, all those, whatever their discipline, who demonstrate a personal commitment to their own CPD and recognise its value to their clients, colleagues and society in general.

Benefits of membership

The full range of benefits can be seen on the Institute's website, but they include:

- Peer recognition of professional status through the designatory letters MInstCPD for Members and FInstCPD for Fellows
- Advice and guidance on CPD policy and practice
- Assistance to companies and other organisations seeking recognition of the CPD that they offer
- Networking opportunities
- Access to online lectures
- Opportunities to attend events of the Continuing Professional Development Foundation at favourable rates
- Specially negotiated reductions on CPD activities with a range of organisations, including The Open University
- Reduced subscription rates on specialist publications, including *Training Journal*

Grades of membership

Member (MInstCPD)

This grade is open to individuals who confirm their commitment to their own CPD and support the concept of CPD as an integral part of lifelong learning.

Fellow (FInstCPD)

Fellowship is open to individuals who meet the criteria for the grade of Member and who, in addition, can provide evidence that they undertake at least 40 hours of relevant CPD per year. This requirement of 40 hours may vary for members of professional bodies which have a special arrangement with the CPD Institute.

Corporate Affiliateship

Companies and other organisations committed to CPD for their staff or members, or who are active in supporting and promoting CPD within the context of lifelong learning, are encouraged to become Corporate Affiliates. Co-operation between the Institute and such organisations on all aspects of CPD and lifelong learning is an important facet of the Corporate Affiliate relationship.

Employees or members of Corporate Affiliates who meet the necessary requirements are encouraged to apply for Fellowship or Membership of the Institute, and Corporate Affiliates running CPD events may apply to have them recognised by the Institute.

Further information

For further information, including a membership application form, please see the CPD Institute website or contact the Institute at the address below.

If you are interested in Corporate Affiliateship for your organisation the Institute would be pleased to arrange for a representative to discuss the benefits with you either by telephone or in person.

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