



The International Federation for Biblio/Poetry Therapy

Applying to Become a Mentor Supervisor Candidate (M/SC)

The Candidacy Committee, comprised of approved mentor/supervisors and members of the Federation Board, will consider applicants who are current, practicing CAPF/CPT/ PTRs in good standing with IFBPT who have:

- a minimum of 2 years post-credential experience
- a minimum of 200 hours post-credential experience conducting group and/or individual poetry therapy and/or applied poetry sessions which incorporated poetry, literature, journaling, or other creative arts.

In addition to these minimum requirements, the committee will be considering your education, work and teaching experience, and ability to supervise the training of others. Approved candidates will have demonstrated that they are not only skilled and active CAPF/CPT/PTRs, but also that they have the background and potential to develop the skill set required to be competent mentor/supervisors.

The following items, as well as any related questions, may be emailed to Candidacy@ifbpt.org:

- I. **Have your own mentor/supervisor submit a completed recommendation form** [\[download this form now\]](#). If your M/S is not available or if you've worked extensively with another current M/S, you may use him/her as a reference.
- II. **Submit a one-to-two page maximum typewritten statement describing why you would like to become a mentor/supervisor.** Include a description of your relevant professional qualifications including education, leadership, teaching, and supervising experiences to date.
- III. **Provide documentation of a minimum of 200 hours post-credential experience** covering a range of word art modalities including poetry and journal work, individual

and/or group sessions. The 200 accrued hours can be documented by stating locations, date ranges, and populations.

IV. Provide documentation of clinical supervision if applicable.

V. Send completed document along with your non-refundable application fee of \$100 to:

**Administrator
International Federation for Biblio/Poetry Therapy
1625 Mid Valley Dr. #1, Suite 126
Steamboat Springs, CO 80487**

VI. Electronic submissions:

IFBPT is now accepting electronic applications. Please submit your documents in Word format or PDF only. If files are overlarge, please save as multiple files. Clearly identify your files as follows: (first.lastname).MSC.app.(date).doc (or .pdf). (*Example:* mary.smith.MSC.app.110114.doc) Send completed application to: candidacy@ifbpt.org and cc: admin@ifbpt.org . Payment may be made online at www.ifbpt.org.

Should you have any questions, you can contact us at Candidacy@ifbpt.org. Your application will be reviewed by the Candidacy Committee. Please allow four to six weeks for a reply. You will receive an email from the Candidacy Committee stating whether you have been approved to begin your training to become a Mentor/Supervisor.

After you have been accepted to the MSC program, please download the complete [requirements for MSC training](#) . When you have completed the IFBPT online course on Supervision and Ethics for Poetry Therapy and your training program has been reviewed and accepted by the candidacy committee, you will be granted provisional Mentor/Supervisor status (M/S-P). At such time you will be listed on the Federation directory of Mentor/Supervisors and may begin accepting your own trainees under supervision from your M/S advisor.