

FELDENKRAIS GUILD® of North America
E2.3.1.1 FELDENKRAIS® PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATION

The *Feldenkrais Guild* of North America (“FGNA”) certifies individuals who have met requirements for training, professional practice and continuing competence, to practice the *Feldenkrais Method*® of somatic education.

1. Certification Procedures

1.1. Initial Certification

To be initially certified by FGNA, individuals shall:

- 1.1.1. Provide verification of one of the following:
 - 1.1.1.1. Completion of a professional training program that has been accredited by FGNA, or by the European Training Accreditation Board, or the Australian Training and Accreditation Board, under internationally approved policies;
 - 1.1.1.2. Completion of an approved Crossover Plan, under FGNA Policy “E2.2.1.10 Crossover Policy for the Students of Mia Segal and Yochanan Rywerant”;
 - 1.1.1.3. Approval by the FGNA Board of Directors of an exception to the requirements of Article 1.1.1.1 or Article 1.1.1.2;
- 1.1.2. Complete the requirements of Article 2 (“Continuing Competence Plan”) of FGNA Policy “E2.3.1.2 Continuing Competence”;
- 1.1.3. Agree to comply with the following FGNA policies: “E2.3.2.1 The *Feldenkrais Method*® of Somatic Education Standards of Practice”; “E2.3.3.2 Code of Professional Conduct”; and “E2.4.2.1-ED FGNA Service Marks, Certification Marks and Trademarks”;
- 1.1.4. Complete the applicable form(s); and
- 1.1.5. Pay the applicable fee.

1.2. Certification Renewal

1.2.1. To renew certification, *Guild Certified Feldenkrais Practitioners*^{CM} shall:

- 1.2.1.1. Complete the requirements of Articles 1 and Article 2 of FGNA Policy “E2.3.1.2 Continuing Competence”;
- 1.2.1.2. Agree to comply with the following FGNA policies: “E2.3.2.1 The *Feldenkrais Method*® of Somatic Education Standards of Practice”; “E2.3.3.2 Code of Professional Conduct”; and “E2.4.2.1-ED FGNA Service Marks, Certification Marks and Trademarks”;
- 1.2.1.3. Complete the applicable form(s); and
- 1.2.1.4. Pay the applicable fees.

1.2.2. Sabbatical from Continuing Competence Requirements

To receive a sabbatical from the requirements of Article 1.2.1.1 of this policy for up to one year out of any seven-year period, *Guild Certified Feldenkrais Practitioners*^{CM} shall:

- 1.2.2.1. Complete the applicable form, including the proposed beginning and ending dates of the sabbatical period.

1.3. Certification Reinstatement

To reinstate certification, individuals who have been certified in the past but are not currently certified shall complete:

- 1.3.1. Requirements of Article 1.4.1 of this policy (Provisional Certification); and

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1.3.2. Any additional requirements pursuant to Article 3.2 of this policy (Decertification), if applicable.

1.4. Provisional Certification

1.4.1. To receive provisional certification, individuals who have not met the requirements of Article 1.1.2 or Article 1.2.1.1 of this policy shall:

1.4.1.1. Complete at least ten hours of learning;

1.4.1.2. Agree to complete the remainder of the required hours before provisional certification expires;

1.4.1.3. Agree to comply with the following FGNA policies: “E2.3.2.1 The *Feldenkrais Method*® of Somatic Education Standards of Practice”; “E2.3.3.2 Code of Professional Conduct”; and “E2.4.2.1-ED FGNA Service Marks, Certification Marks and Trademarks”;

1.4.1.4. Complete the applicable form(s); and

1.4.1.5. Pay the applicable fees.

1.4.2. Provisional Certification shall not be granted in more than two consecutive years.

1.5. Twenty-Year Certification

To receive Twenty-Year Certification, practitioners who meet the requirements of Articles 1.2.3 and Article 3 of FGNA Policy “E2.3.1.2 Continuing Competence” shall:

1.5.1. Agree to comply with the following FGNA policies: “E2.3.2.1 The *Feldenkrais Method*® of Somatic Education Standards of Practice”; “E2.3.3.2 Code of Professional Conduct”; and “E2.4.2.1-ED FGNA Service Marks, Certification Marks and Trademarks”;

1.5.2. Complete the applicable form(s); and

1.5.3. Pay the applicable fees.

1.6. Lifetime Certification

To receive Lifetime Certification, not requiring further renewal, practitioners who graduated from a *Feldenkrais* professional training program in 1983 or earlier and have practiced the *Feldenkrais Method* continuously for at least 20 years shall:

1.6.1. Agree to comply with the following FGNA policies: “E2.3.2.1 The *Feldenkrais Method*® of Somatic Education Standards of Practice”; “E2.3.3.2 Code of Professional Conduct”; and “E2.4.2.1-ED FGNA Service Marks, Certification Marks and Trademarks”;

1.6.2. Complete the applicable form.

1.7. Certification Exception for Visiting Practitioners:

1.7.1. To receive permission to teach in training programs or workshops in the United States and Canada for up to thirty days per calendar year, individuals who reside outside the United States and Canada, and who are not certified by FGNA, must:

1.7.1.1. Submit evidence, at least 30 days prior to the start of the training or workshop, that they:

a. Graduated from a training program accredited by NATAB, EuroTAB or AusTAB; and

b. Are a member of a guild or association that is a member of the International *Feldenkrais* Federation; and

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- 1.7.1.2. Agree to follow FGNA policies “E2.3.2.1 The *Feldenkrais Method*® of Somatic Education Standards of Practice” and “E2.3.3.2 Code of Professional Conduct”
- 1.7.1.3. Complete the applicable form(s); and
- 1.7.1.4. Pay the applicable fees.
- 1.7.2. It is the responsibility of visiting practitioners to ensure that they comply with applicable state and federal work regulation and laws.

2. Duration of Certification

2.1. Certification shall be effective for one calendar year or less, with the exception that:

2.1.1. Practitioners graduating after June 30 shall be eligible to receive initial certification with an effective date ending December 31 of the calendar year following the year of graduation.

2.2. When certification is renewed between January 1 and January 15, it shall be retroactive to January 1 of the same calendar year.

3. Decertification

3.1. Practitioners may be decertified for violations of FGNA’s *Feldenkrais Method* Standards of Practice or Code of Professional Conduct; for any use of service marks, certification marks or trademarks not expressly authorized; or for other cause.

3.2. Practitioners who have been decertified may be subject to additional requirements in order to be eligible for recertification.

4. Executive Director Authority

The Executive Director shall have the authority to grant exceptions to the requirements of this policy, with the exception of Article 1.1.1 (Initial Certification), Article 1.6 (Lifetime Certification), and Article 3 (Decertification).

5. Effective Date

This policy shall be apply to certifications with an effective date beginning January 1, 2013 or later.

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