THE SNU PROSPECTUS
A GUIDE TO EDUCATION, ACCREDITATION, AWARDS & APPOINTMENTS

Introduction

The Spiritualists' National Union (SNU) has produced this booklet to help those who need advice and information on undertaking education courses and gaining accreditation or awards of the SNU.

It contains advice on the education courses available to students and the accreditation and awards that can be gained. There is a comparison to show a candidate the route to gaining accreditation and award in the various disciplines; this includes the relevant education courses, and the training required to pass the various accreditations and awards. It also includes information with regards to Healing courses.

Some awards are purely academic based, which require a candidate to complete only SNU Education courses prior to taking a Final Assessment Board (FAB), whilst others also include additional practical training prior to a Final Assessment Board or Healing Upgrading Assessment .

All applicants for SNU awards (except Service awards) must be Individual Members of the SNU. All applicants for SNUi awards must be Individual Members of the SNU and members of SNUi.

Please note that the Prospectus is a 'living document', this means that it is constantly being updated to reflect current practice. When referring to it, it always include the version date which is found in the footer of each page.

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The Education & Exponents Committee

EEcomm reports to the Education & Exponents Director. It was created in September 2019 and assumed the duties and responsibilities of the former Education Committee and the Exponents Committee

Its function is to organise and administer a range of comprehensive SNU educational programmes that assist people in learning more about the religion, science and philosophy of Spiritualism. Students can choose to enrol on courses of their particular interest by applying to SNU Head Office. Courses completed are required to lead on to gaining the SNU Platform
Accreditation, Healing Accreditation and Church Administration Accreditation Schemes and Certificate or Diploma awards**.** N.B EEcom are not responsible for Spiritualist Healing

Students can choose to enroll on courses of their particular interest by applying online or by contacting the SNU Head Office. Courses completed are required to lead on to gaining the SNU Platform Accreditation, Healing Accreditation and Church Administration Accreditation Schemes and Certificate's of Recognition and Diploma awards**.**

The Committee also organises quality training and assessment for SNU and SNUi members and issues accreditation and awards to successful candidates. Before any accreditation or award can be granted it is necessary to pass the Final Assessment Board (FAB). The requirement for the FAB for each award are listed below

Please note there are no longer any SNUi Awards for Healing. All SNU Healing Accreditation Scheme and CSNUh can be taken online or in person. The DSNUH FAB is only held online. All successful candidates will receive the full SNU Healing Award.

EEcomm administers the Service Awards presented to Spiritualists who have been of service to SNU Spiritualism for a period of 25, 35, 50 or 60 years.

EEcomm holds their training at Longton Spiritualist Church and Stourbridge Spiritualist Church and coordinates the many SNU trainers who help run the award schemes. EEcomm hold training assessments and awards in accreditation and awards for various aspects of Spiritualist mediumship, public speaking, and church administration. Contact EEcomm on email: expo.sec@snu.org.uk

Spiritualist Healing training is available online with our SNU Approved Healing Trainers and in our 14 Districts which is provided by our District Healing Committees

SNUi

SNUi reports to the Education & Exponents Director (EEdir) and provides online tuition and church services. The EEcomm provides online assessments for the SNUi Certificates (CSNUi).

The CSNUi Award is for candidates who take their training and final assessment online as opposed to in person. Award Holders of CSNUi can convert to the 'real world' equivalent i.e. CSNU by attending a training session and a 'real world' FAB in the UK. Anyone who cannot attend in person for their FAB can take it online, however this will result in a CSNUi Award.

The CSNUh award in Healing can be carried out online or in person. The DSNUH Award is conducted online only as it requires a large public audience of Spirituals and members of the public

Neurodivergent Students within the Spiritualists' National Union

It is important to the SNU and the Education and Exponents Committee (EEcomm) to be as accommodating and welcoming as possible to all students including those who might be described, or describe themselves, as neurodivergent. This isn't a medical term but is simply an umbrella term, for people whose brains work differently over a range of conditions such as dyslexia, ADHD and autism. The role of EEcomm is to offer both knowledge about the SNU and Spiritualism, for students or those who are simply interested and want to know more. We offer a series of written education courses, which can be taken by anybody who is interested. These can be taken as standalone courses.

For those who wish to go further and develop their skills as mediums and/or healers our written education courses are an essential element of working towards an accreditation (PAS, HAS**,** CAS) or moving on to our awards at CSNU and DSNU level. Opportunities for experiential learning are an important element of our Training and Awards programmes.

For students who are neurodivergent, it is important that there is no barrier to their learning with the SNU. There are many students studying with us who are dyslexic or autistic, to different degrees, and we would want to ensure that they felt properly supported. For example, we do not mark spelling or grammar across the written courses so there is no need for students to feel intimidated by the prospect of writing essays and all students will be given relevant support.

In line with the Equality Act 2010 any student who considers that any reasonable adjustments may need to be made to enable them to study and take their FAB are advised to make this know at the time of application, or as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made for them to receive the appropriate support to facilitate their learning.

If students wish, they are welcome to contact the Secretary of EEcom, expo.sec@snu.org.uk who can help answer specific queries and respond to areas of concern. All our marking tutors and trainers are volunteers, but many have relevant working experience, that enables us to provide pertinent and empathetic support.

If students would like to receive any help or advice regarding their Healing Training please contact healingsec@gmail.com

Ultimately many students want to work towards their Final Assessment Boards (FABs), which are held online at PAS level and in person at CSNU and DSNU level. Within the limits of the outcomes that are required, students will be supported through this process. It is our desire to ensure anyone who wishes can become an Exponent of the SNU, working on our church platforms throughout the UK and beyond.

CSNUh students have the option to take their FAB online or in person. Those taking their DSNUH are required to take their FAB online only to ensure that there is a large audience of Spiritualists and nonspiritualists

Validity

A student has three years to complete an education course**.** It will remain valid towards the appropriate award for five years from the date of completion. Students who feel that they have exceptional circumstances which merit an extension can apply to their Course Tutor. Requests for extensions will not be considered once the completion date has already been passed.

A candidate for an award must complete the relevant education courses before they apply for the award, they then have three years to complete the appropriate training which remains valid towards the award for one year.

There is no time limit for students to apply for their CSNUh or DSNUH training and take their FAB.

THE EDUCATION SYLLABUS

Introduction to Spiritualism

'An Introduction to Spiritualism' is an A4 booklet which provides an informative introduction to Spiritualism and the SNU.

ACCREDITATION LEVEL COURSES

The first two sections of the three accreditation level courses are the same. If a student has successfully completed those sections in one of the other accreditation courses, they do not have to repeat them. They should inform their education tutor if this applies to them.

LM1 Leadership and Management

This course is the accreditation level academic element of the Church Accreditation Scheme (CAS). Its focus is on running a SNU church. If this course is completed as a stand-alone course, it remains valid for five years from date of completion for entry to CAS. The course has the following eight sections:

1. The History of Modern Spiritualism and the Development of the SNU.
2. The Teachings of Spiritualism.
3. The Church in the Community.
4. Church Leadership and Management.
5. Church Services and Activities.
6. Education Training and Spiritual Development.
7. Church Rules.
8. Promotion and
9. Fundraising.

SH1 Spiritualist Healing

This course is the compulsory accreditation level academic element of the Healing Accreditation Scheme (HAS). It is the starting point for all healing mediums and is an integral part of the HAS training and therefore not available as a stand- alone course. Students have three years to complete the whole of their HAS training. The course has the following nine sections:

A. The History of Modern Spiritualism and the Development of the SNU.
B. The Teachings of Spiritualism.
1. Responsibilities of a Spiritualist Healing Medium.
2. Healing Potential.
3. Attunement and Holistic Potential.

TPS1 Teachings and Practice of Spiritualism

This course is the accreditation level academic element of the Platform Accreditation Scheme (PAS). It is the starting point for all speaking and demonstrating mediums. If this course is completed as a stand-alone course, it remains valid for five years from date of completion for entry to PAS. The course has the following eight sections:

1. The History of Modern Spiritualism and the Development of the SNU.
2. The Teachings of Spiritualism.
3. The Phenomena of Spiritualism.
4. Development and training.
5. Speaking: Preparing the address.

6. Mediumship: Demonstrating the Evidence.
7. Prayer.
8. Code of Conduct.

CERTIFICATE LEVEL COURSES

SH2 Spiritualist Healing

This course is the certificate level academic element for the CSNU(h). It is the second stage of development for all healing mediums. If this course is completed as a stand-alone course,

Those who have passed SH2 Spiritualist Healing and wish to take their CSNUh at a later date are not required to repeat the SH2 Coursework only read thought the current version to refresh their memory

The course has the following six sections:
Principles of Spiritualist Healing.
The Role of the Passive Healing Medium.
Healing Organisation.
Healing Upgrade Assessments.
Places for Healing.
Intention, Prayer and Alternative Absent Healing.

TPS2 Teachings and Practice of Spiritualism

This course is the certificate level academic element of the Certificate of Recognition of the SNU (CSNU) and SNUi Certificate of Recognition (CSNUi). It is the second level for all speaker and demonstrator exponents. If this course is completed as a stand-alone course, it remains valid for five years from date of completion for entry to CSNU or CSNUi. The course has the following eight sections:

1. The Teachings and Practice of Spiritualism.
2. Meditation, Inspiration and Attunement.
3. Developing Speaking Mediumship.
4. Developing Communication Mediumship.
5. Taking Part in a Service.
6. Public Speaking and Platform Presentation.
7. SNUi and Online Work.
8. Different Types of Meetings.

PRE-2020 EDUCATION COURSES

S5 Spiritualism in Religion
Giving a summary of comparative religions.

D5 The Practice of Mediumship
A course designed to help exponents of Spiritualism, which includes the legal and moral implications of mediumship, mediumship and the media, services, meetings, etc.

G3 Spiritualists' National Union Organisation
Covering an introduction to the SNU, together with its administration as a charity and a limited liability company, and how this is achieved within the District Councils and the Spiritualists' Lyceum Union.

SH3 Theory of Spiritual Healing
This course is designed to deepen students' understanding of: The of Spiritualist Healing. Explore the mind in relation to healing. Investigate all types of Healing. Research the effects of Frequency and Vibration. Facilitate the Healers' continuous personal development.

MD1 Guide to Official Services
A course designed to assist those who conduct official ceremonies such as namings, weddings, funerals, etc.

A1 History of Spiritualism
The student will choose a particular event in the history of Spiritualism and present an essay which will show research and independent thought.

A2 Philosophy of Spiritualism
The student will concentrate on the importance of SNU philosophy, focusing on the pioneers of SNU philosophy, its importance and its future.

A3 Science of Spiritualism
The student will focus on science in Spiritualism, its importance and how we can say it is a science.

A4 Healing within Spiritualism
The student will focus on an aspect of spiritual healing such as the discipline of healing, its importance, the claims made for and against healing, its history, etc.

A5 Administration of the SNU
The student will focus on the organisation, the role of the National Executive Committee down to district level, the importance of the organisation and its bye-laws, leading figures in the history of administration, how it has changed and how it can be improved.

A6 World Religions
The student will take a particular religion, compare it with Spiritualism and explore Spiritualism's relationships to other religions.

Note

Every education course is graded at a specific level of difficulty in the following order:

- Accreditation
- Certificate
- Diploma
- Advanced

Students must study appropriate education courses in that order if they are taking the courses to achieve Accreditation or Awards.

Those who are studying just for the pleasure of learning are also advised to consider the level of the course they are enrolling on, if they have never studied aspects of Spiritualism previously.

For courses other than Advanced, students will be assigned a tutor. Students must submit their answer to the first question within six months of enrolment and have completed the course within three years. A course is valid for five years after the date of completion when applying for an award.

Word Count

There is no word count for individual test paper questions, however we suggest the following as a guideline to answer the questions thoroughly:

- TPS1 – 500 words.
- TPS2 – 750 words.
- All Diploma level courses – 1,000 words.

The word count for the final essay on the following courses:

- Accreditation level courses – None.
- Certificate level courses – 2,500 words.
- Diploma level courses – 4,000 words.
- Advanced level courses – 5,000 words.

The word count is a minimum, not a maximum; however, the quality of the work is still of paramount importance.

Final Essays for D5 and S5

On completion of all sections in a diploma level course the course organiser will send the student the final essay question, this is to be completed within one month of receipt.

If the first Final Essay submitted requires remediation, students will be given the chance to work again on their essay and resubmit within two weeks. Students will be given a broad outline of what the marking assessors' views were to help students improve. The resubmitted essay will be sent to the same assessors so that they can see improvement or otherwise. Often students have simply failed to answer the question.

Should the second attempt be deemed as unsatisfactory then students will immediately be given a second essay title, which they will have one calendar month to complete. This will be sent to entirely different markers. Should a second essay fail, then the student will be deemed to have failed the course in its entirety.

EEcomm's decision is final and there is no right of appeal at any stage of the process.

Finance

EEcomm students are responsible for their own expenses and fees; however, in cases of financial hardship a bursary towards the cost of an education course can be applied for by contacting the EEcomm secretary.

Healing Students are responsible for their own expenses and fees; however, in cases of financial hardship Spiritualist Healing students may be able to apply for a bursary to cover half of their costs. In the UK students in the first instance should speak with their Church Healing Leader or approach their District Healing Representative.

All the above-mentioned courses are available from SNU head office or visit www.snu.org.uk

DEFINITIONS

For all accreditations and awards regardless of level, each discipline is defined as follows:

Administration

The definition of administration is the knowledge and understanding of the organisation and operation of the SNU at all levels.

Assessing

The definition of assessing is to determine the competency of a candidate based upon the evidence gathered through observation, questioning and work product. The Assessors award can be gained at CSNU and DSNU level.

It is possible to attain Appointed Assessor status once DSNU(A) has been achieved. This is an appointment by the NEC.

Demonstrating

The definition of communication mediumship is to identify a spirit communicator with a body of information which identifies them beyond reasonable doubt and who is known to the recipient. In addition, there must also be a meaningful communication that is relevant to the recipient's current life situation.

The CSNUi demonstrating award is online achievements, which is different to the CSNU, which is a 'real world' award, whereby the candidate is serving in venues and churches. It is recognised that working online versus in venues is different however neither award is 'better' than the other. The online awards can be converted to 'real world' awards (without the i) by attending training days at the and successfully passing a Final Assessment Board (FAB).

PAS Demonstration of mediumship consisting of two separate evidential communications to two separate recipients within fifteen minutes and give a suitable prayer for a Spiritualist service.

CSNU Demonstration of mediumship consisting of two separate evidential communications to two separate recipients within fifteen minutes and give a suitable prayer for a Spiritualist service.

DSNU The candidate will also take part in a demonstration of mediumship to the high evidential standard and demonstrate the ability to efficiently establish the correct recipient. A candidate needs to give two separate evidential communications to two separate recipients in fifteen minutes. The assessment will also include up to ten minutes answering three questions posed by the assessors.

Healing

'Spiritualist healing mediumship' and 'healing mediumship' mean a form of healing by the use of forces and energies from God directed through the spirit world and a Spiritualist healing medium by the laying on of hands on the body or the direction of thought from a distance or by prayer when the patient is absent.

Lecturing

The definition of lecturing is delivering an oral presentation intended to present information or teach people about a particular subject.

Speaking

The definition of Speaking mediumship is to deliver an address to a public audience based upon the teachings of Spiritualism. The CSNUi is an online award, which is different to the CSNU which is a 'real world' award, whereby the candidate is serving in venues and churches. It is recognised that working online verses in venues is different. The online awards can be converted to 'real world' awards (without the i) by successfully passing a Final Assessment Board (FAB) in the UK.

PAS Ten-minute address based upon one or more of the Seven Principles which should include inspiring, uplifting and thought-provoking content. Prompt cards are acceptable.

CSNU Fifteen-minute address based on at least one of the Seven Principles and its relevance in today's society. This must also include inspirational uplifting or thought-provoking content. Ideally inspired speaking should be evident. Prompt cards are not acceptable.

DSNU Twenty-minute address based on a reading given at the service where their FAB is taking place. Assessors will be looking for an address which includes inspirational uplifting or thought-provoking content. The ability to do speaking mediumship (beyond inspired speaking) is preferred but may not be in the speakers' capability and therefore, professional speaking should be evident.

Spirit Art

The definition of spirit art is that all drawings must be of a recognisable person, known to the recipient, and accompanied by a body of evidence to identify who they are. In addition, there must also be a meaningful communication that is relevant to the recipient's current life situation.

At CSNU level it is acceptable for the drawing and the evidence to be different people, but they must have a life-connection i.e. husband and wife or mother and son etc. and both known to the recipient.

At DSNU level the drawing and the evidence must be of the same person.

This award does not apply to artists or mediums who draw a pictorial or symbolic representation of the aura, angels or guides etc.

Private Sittings

The definition of an evidential private sitting: The sitting is conducted with a single recipient on a one-to-one basis. The medium is to identify a spirit communicator with a body of information which identifies them beyond reasonable doubt, and who is known to the recipient. In addition, there must also be a meaningful communication that is relevant to the recipient's current life situation.

The definition of a spiritual appraisal private sitting: The sitting is conducted with a single recipient on a one-to-one basis. The medium establishes by the use of both psychic and mediumistic abilities the recipient's current life situation, makes them aware of their spiritual potential and delivers spiritual guidance from the spirit world.

Teaching

The definition of teaching is to ensure that the candidate has practical and theoretical training in teaching to accepted standards relevant to the award level.

CSNU(t): The teacher needs to deliver mediumship teaching at Spiritualist Church level. They should be able to link in with the student, help where necessary, answer questions, understand when and how to use handouts and PowerPoint.

CSNUht: The teacher needs to deliver healing teaching at a level suitable for those attending Online and or District Council Healing Accreditation Scheme Training. The teacher should be able competently answer students' questions as well as demonstrate their ability to present PowerPoint presentations, use visual aids appropriately and provide any suitable handouts.
DSNU(T): The teacher needs to deliver professional mediumship teaching worthy of larger venues and international audiences. They should be an established working medium and teach with professionalism. For demonstrating teachers, they need to be able to teach both direct and non-direct evidential mediumship. For Speaking teachers, they need to understand and teach inspired speaking versus speaking mediumship.

Healing teachers need to demonstrate their in depth knowledge and understanding of Spiritualist Healing Teachers should be able to attune with the students and the recipients. And provide guidance, when necessary, Answer questions from the general public and understand when and how to use visual aids, handouts and use PowerPoint presentations.

Writing
The definition of writing is the same as for speaking, except that it is conducted through the written word. Public audience includes all readers of the published material.

APPLICATIONS

The following are to be sent to SNU Head Office, The Clock House, Stansted Hall, Stansted CM24 8UD

- For PAS, HAS and CAS applications, photocopy of full Individual Membership card and evidence of full Church membership;

Trainee Healers Must be a full member of their church they are not required to be an individual member of the SNU at this time

- Full fees;

- Copy of relevant education course completion letters. A candidate should advise of any limitations on travel, availability or additional needs issues, such as dyslexia, on their application form and evidence may be required. Those candidates who are taking CSNUi should contact Head Office and book to take their online FAB. Head Office will then notify the EEcomm who will then arrange the online FAB.

SERVICE AWARDS

Service Awards may be granted by EEcomm only to those persons recommended by the NEC, an NEC Sub-Committee, District Councils, Branches or Ministers whose activities are deemed by them to have been of service to the SNU for the period stated below.

- Long Service Award (LSSNU) 25 years' service.
- Silver Service Award (SSSNU) 35 years' service.
- Gold Service Awards (GSSNU) 50 years' service.
- Diamond Service Awards (DSSNU) 60 years' service.

AWARD OF MERIT (AMSNU)

The Award of Merit is granted by the National Executive Committee to those persons who are deemed to have given specially outstanding and meritorious service to the Union at national level and are, or have been, Individual Members of the Union for not less than ten years. Individual applications for this award will not be accepted.

FINAL ASSESSMENTS

Every effort is made to ensure that a candidate is offered a final assessment in good time. All PAS assessments are held online. The vast majority of in person assessments at CSNU and DSNU level are held at either Longton Spiritualist Church or Stourbridge Spiritualist Church.

Any candidate unable to attend on the day should inform the Secretary of EEcomm as soon as possible so that it can be offered to another candidate. Dress for the final assessments is expected to be of a standard that is acceptable for a Divine service or a Healing service, as per the relevant code of conduct.

The panel will usually consist of three people made up of at least one member of EEcomm or someone appointed by it to chair and two other SNU award-holders. There may be more than three members on a panel when future assessors are being trained. At least one member of the assessment panel will have the same award or higher than a candidate taking their final assessment. Where possible, one or more of the assessors will hold the assessors award. If it is impossible to have an assessor with the same award that the candidate has applied for, then an ASNU must be present**.** EEcomm reserves the right to select members of the panel.

An application to resit a Final Assessment Board may be made at any time, but the resit may not take place less than three months after the date of such remediation. Resits will take place within one year of the date of the original remediation. Any further application shall be dealt with as a new application.

No application to resit a Final Assessment Board may be made more than twice without the written authority of EEcomm.

Please note that separate arrangements are in place for all Healing FABs.

ACCREDITATION SCHEMES

CAS	Church Accreditation Scheme
HAS	Healing Accreditation Scheme
PAS(s)	Platform Accreditation Scheme (Speaker)
PAS(d)	Platform Accreditation Scheme (Demonstrator)

Education Course Requirements

CAS	LM1
HAS	SH1
PAS(s)	TPS1
PAS(d)	TPS1

Application Process

All applications must be made to SNU head office either via the online application form or in writing on the paper version and accompanied by the application fee. The application fee includes the education course and tutoring and the accreditation training.

When commencing an accreditation scheme a candidate must be a fully paid-up Individual Member of the SNU, or an associate or a full member of an SNU affiliated body (Church or Kindred Body) or a Pioneer Centre. To hold the accreditation a candidate must be a fully paid-up Individual Member of the SNU or a full member of an SNU affiliated body (Church or Kindred Body) or a Pioneer Centre.

The academic and the practical elements of all accreditation schemes run concurrently. A section of the education course must be completed before the associated part of the practical training can be attended. After both the education course and the training are completed the candidate can apply for the final assessment for accreditation. A candidate must complete the training programme within three years.

Church Accreditation Scheme (CAS)

The Church Accreditation Scheme (CAS) is not an award but is necessary for a candidate who wishes to progress through to Leadership and Management awards. This Accreditation is a continuous assessment scheme.

There are eight sections covering twenty-four subjects that a candidate must complete by gathering evidence of competence against the criteria laid down in their logbook. A candidate can attend training sessions arranged by EECom approved trainers in churches, at the Barbanell Centre in Stafford or online. A candidate must complete the training programme within three years.

Before applying for the final assessment, a candidate must have completed the LM1 Education course (or G1 if completed after 31 Dec 18 with a grade B pass or higher) and the appropriate training. The Final Assessment is arranged by EECom. A candidate must complete a private interview and an oral test of ten questions based on course LM1 and basic knowledge of the running of an SNU affiliated Church or a Pioneer Centre. A candidate must also chair a Church Service, give a prayer at that service and both choose and deliver a reading appropriate for a Church service.

Healing Accreditation Scheme (HAS)

The Healing Accreditation Scheme (HAS) is not an award but is necessary for a candidate who wishes to progress through to SNU healing awards and to be a Registered Accredited Spiritualist Healing Medium insured to work in our churches as part of the church Healing Group.

The HAS is a continuous assessment scheme, consisting of five pre-healing training sessions to learn the basics of healing mediumship before any practical application and contact with recipients can begin. There are then 50 practical sessions that a candidate must complete by gathering evidence of competence against the criteria laid down in their SNU Healing Accreditation Scheme Logbook

A candidate must also attend four district council training days organised by the District Council Healing Committee or four online training sessions organised by the SNU Healing Committee. A candidate must complete the training programme within three years.

Before applying for their Healing Upgrading Assessment, a candidate must have passed the SH1 education course and the appropriate training. The final assessment is arranged by the District Council Healing Sub-Committee, or by the SNU Healing Committee.

A candidate must complete a private interview and an oral test of ten questions, based on the SH1 course and basic knowledge of the SNU. A candidate must also conduct practical applications of Spiritualist Healing to three recipients (one by contact healing, one by distant healing and one by the recipient's own choice of either contact or distant healing) within 45 minutes.

The candidate will also be required to give an opening and/or closing prayer suitable for a healing service.

Below is a list of assessors' fail and correction points. All candidates should keep themselves up to date with these criteria.

A breach of the Code of Conduct	Fail
No attunement to spirit	Fail
No attunement to patient/client	Fail
No physical contact during contact healing	Fail
Physical contact during distant healing	Fail
Not moving hands from one area to another in a disciplined manner during contact healing	Fail
Touching patient/client outside the allowed areas as defined by 'What Happens Next Card'	Fail
Not asking permission to touch before commencing contact healing	Fail
Poor attunement to spirit	Correction
Poor attunement to patient/client	Correction
Bringing the patient/client back too soon after healing	Correction
Not explaining how distant healing works	Correction
Not introducing yourself properly to the patient/client	Correction
With contact healing the hands are too heavy	Correction
Any strong odours picked up by the patient/client or assessors	Correction
Not dressed to standard	Correction
Not explaining the completion of the treatment	Correction
Talking to a seated patient/client from a standing position	Correction
Not addressing God in Prayer	Correction

Prayer is not of the appropriate length	Correction
Prayer cannot be heard by assessors	Correction
Content of Prayer is not suitable	Correction
Chair is too close for distant healing	Correction
Not sanitising the hands at appropriate times	Correction
Ignoring comfort or emotional state of patient/client	Correction
Tapping a patient/client to bring them back after contact healing	Correction
Not offering the patient/client water	Correction
Engaging in irrelevant chat with the patient/client	Correction
Not returning personal items to a patient/client	Correction
Offering the patient/client advice	Correction

Platform Accreditation Scheme - PAS (s) & (d)

The Platform Accreditation Scheme (PAS) is not an award but is necessary for a candidate who wishes to progress through to the Speaking and Demonstrating awards.

Platform Accreditation is a continuous assessment scheme. There are nine sections covering nineteen subjects that a candidate must complete by gathering evidence of competence against the criteria laid down in their logbook. A candidate can attend training sessions arranged by EEcom approved trainers. A candidate must complete the training programme within three years.

Before applying for the final assessment, a candidate must have passed the TPS1 Education Course and the appropriate training.

The Final Assessment is arranged by EEcomm. For both Speaking and Demonstrating a candidate must complete a private interview and an oral test of ten questions (for each discipline) based on the content of course TPS1 and knowledge of the SNU, give an address of not less than ten minutes and a demonstration of evidential communication consisting of two separate communications within fifteen minutes to two separate recipients, and give a prayer suitable for a Spiritualist service.

Should a candidate pass the demonstrating accreditation but fail the speaking accreditation, the demonstrating accreditation will remain in abeyance subject to the candidate gaining a pass in speaking accreditation at a later date, and within one year.

It is possible to do both speaking and demonstrating as standalone courses towards gaining a CSNU/CSNUi award.

Candidates for PAS may conduct their services in both 'real world' churches and in online services. An EEcomm approved list of online services is available. *It should be noted however that if a candidate wishes to train further and gain their CSNU, they will be expected to show their PAS logbook where they should have done at least 50% of their services in real world situations.*

No person shall be eligible to apply for a PAS FAB Board unless, at the date of application, they are an Individual Member of the Union or a full member of an SNU Church and have satisfied the prescribed requirements for such application.

Below is a list of assessors fail and correction points for PAS. These are updated regularly, and it is the candidate's responsibility to be sure that they are aware of the existing Fail and Correction points at the time of their FAB. The Correction and Fail points listed here are for student guidance only and are not to be regarded as an exhaustive list.

Speaking	
A breach of the Code of Conduct	Fail
Not inspiring, uplifting or thought provoking	Fail
Failure to base the address on at least one of the Seven Principles	Fail
Misquoting	Fail
Referencing aspects contrary to SNU teachings (e.g. reincarnation)	Fail
More than 4 – 6 correction points (correction combination dependant)	Fail

Poor structure (lacks beginning, middle & end)	Fail
Too many facts (more than two) becomes a talk	Fail
Too many quotes (three) (More than 3 Fail)	Correction

Evident theme and structure but needs work	Correction
Random thoughts & too many anecdotes	Correction
(unless combined with other points)	
Reliance on use of notes or prompt cards	Correction
Prayers not referring to God	Correction
Eye contact, voice, mannerisms	Correction unless multiples

Demonstrating	
A breach of the Code of Conduct	Fail
Not placing the contact	Fail
Going to the same person for both contacts	Fail
Recipient isn't sure who the contact is	Fail
More than 4-6 correction points	Fail
Giving Advice	Fail
Bullying of recipient	Fail
Working psychically	Fail
Eye contact, voice, mannerisms	Correction unless multiples
Taking too long to place recipient	Correction - Fail if with other points
Not exploring evidence	Correction
'Dropping' of evidence	Correction
Stream of evidence without checking with recipient	Correction
Allowing recipient to take control	Correction on its own
Philosophising evidence	Correction
Recipient convinced it was their loved one	Pass (with correction points)
Not declaring you know the recipient of a contact regardless of whether you knew the communicator or not	Correction
Returning to a recipient who has already received a contact from another medium earlier in a shared demonstration, with the same communicator	Correction

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION SNU Awards

CSNU(art)	Spirit Art
CSNU(a)	Assessing
CSNU(d)	Demonstrating
CSNU(g)	Administration
CSNU(h)	Healing
CSNU(ps)	Private Sittings
CSNU(s)	Speaking
CSNU(t)	Teaching
CSNU(w)	Writing

SNUi Awards

CSNUi(art)	SNUi Spirit Art
CSNUi(d)	SNUi Demonstrating
CSNUi(ps)	SNUi Private Sittings
CSNUi(s)	SNUi Speaking
CSNUi(w)	SNUi Writing

SNU Education Course Requirements

CSNU(art)	TPS2 and have CSNU (s &/or d)
CSNU(a)	SH2/TPS2 and have CSNU (h, d, or s)
CSNU(d)	TPS2 and have PAS (s & d)
CSNU(g)	G3
CSNU(h)	SH2 and have approved SNU healer status – fully paid-up healing membership and current healing insurance.
CSNU(ps)	TPS2 and have CSNU (s & d)
CSNU(s)	TPS2 and have PAS (s)
CSNU(t)	SH2/TPS2 and have CSNU (h, d, s)
CSNU(w)	TPS2

SNUi Education Course Requirements

CSNUi(art)	TPS2 and have CSNUi (s & d)
CSNUi(d)	TPS2 and have PAS or PASi (s & d)
CSNUi(ps)	TPS2 and have CSNUi (s & d)
CSNUi(s)	TPS2 and have PAS or PASi (s)
CSNUi(t)	SH2/TPS2 and have CSNUi (h, s or d)
CSNUi(w)	TPS2 and have CSNUi (h, s or d)

Application Process

Before applying for an SNU award a candidate must be an Individual Member of the SNU. Before applying for an SNUi award a candidate must be a member of SNUi and either an Individual Member of the SNU or a full member of an SNU affiliated body, Kindred Body or a Pioneer Centre.

All applications for CSNU must be made to the SNU head office either via the online application form or in writing on the paper version and accompanied by proof of passing the appropriate education course along with the application fee. The education course(s) must be completed before applying for CSNU training and FAB.

An alternative route "**Intensive Training towards CSNU**" is available to achieve the speaking and demonstrating award status, which will be held at the Longton Spiritualist Church, Stoke on Trent UK. The training offers the candidates the opportunity to receive group teaching, practical experiences in local churches, while being able to complete their course work, in their own time, during the intensive 2- year training course.

The assessed fail and correction points for CSNU via this route will be the same. All candidates should keep themselves up to date with the criteria. Please see CSNU speaking and CSNU demonstrating criteria tables.

CSNU(g) Administration

Before applying for this award, a candidate must have completed the G3 education course with a grade B pass or higher and passed the Church Accreditation Scheme (Or Church Administration Accreditation Scheme after 31 Dec 18). The candidate has 3 years to complete the training to the satisfaction of the trainer.

The Final Assessment is arranged by EEcomm. The assessment will include an interview, an oral test of ten questions based on the courses studied and knowledge of running a SNU Church or Pioneer Centre. It will include the completion of practical tests, including preparing an agenda for a Church Committee meeting and chairing a Church Service, which will have a special theme, such as Healing or Anniversary. The details and information required will be given one month in advance of the Final Assessment Board.

CSNU(a) Assessing

Before applying for this award, a candidate must hold the CSNU in the corresponding discipline for which they are applying to assess, i.e. t, s, d, or h with the exception of CSNU(a) in healing for which they must also be a Registered Accredited Healing Medium. To assess the teaching certificate, candidates must hold the corresponding CSNU(t) in the discipline for which they are applying to assess. To achieve the CSNU(a) award a candidate must attend and successfully pass the Assessor Training Scheme. A candidate has three years to complete this training. The scheme consists of two training sessions, one online and one at Longton Spiritualist Church, ongoing practical experience, and a Final Assessment Board.

The training scheme will include continuous personal development (CPD) and will include feedback on your assessing of the FAB assessment(s). During the training period candidates may assess a wide variety of online and in-person FABs and it may include some mock FABs. The number of FABs to assess may vary according to experience and ability and this will be judged by the lead tutor as well as the Chair of EEcomm and the Chair of the Healing Committee for their relevant disciplines before putting a candidate forward for their own Board.

At the FAB the candidate must complete a private interview, an oral test of ten questions based on assessing within the SNU and demonstrate their ability to assess in the discipline in which they hold the CSNU award(s). Below is a list of assessors' fail and correction points. All candidates should keep themselves up to date with these criteria.

The Correction and Fail points listed here are for student guidance only and are not to be regarded as an exhaustive list.

A breach of the code of conduct	Fail
Doesn't pick up on pass/correction/fail points	Fail
Lack of confidence	Fail
Too lenient	Fail
Gets into challenging conversations/confrontations with candidate	Fail
Doesn't follow correct procedures/incorrect use of paperwork	Fail
Passes a fail point	Fail
Delivery of feedback poor (Dependant on delivery/circumstance)	Correction or Fail

CSNU(d) Demonstrating

Before applying for this award, a candidate must have passed the TPS2 education course (and have passed the Platform Accreditation Scheme in Speaking and Demonstrating. They will be issued with a logbook that contains the information required for the award including training sessions required to complete the criteria. The pre-FAB training sessions must be completed within three years to the satisfaction of the trainer.

The Final Assessment is arranged by EEcomm. A candidate must complete a private interview, an oral test of ten questions based on TPS2, knowledge of the SNU and be required to take part in a role play scenario answering a question based on a typical misunderstanding of mediumship. In addition, the candidate will give a demonstration of mediumship consisting of two separate evidential communications to two separate recipients within fifteen minutes and give a prayer suitable for a Spiritualist service.

All remediation candidates are offered support by an approved EEcomm trainer. Resits must be taken after a period of 3 months and within 1 year to avoid invalidation of both pending awards.

Below is a list of assessors' fail and correction points. All candidates should keep themselves up to date with these criteria. The Correction and Fail points listed here are for student guidance only and are not to be regarded as an exhaustive list.

Demonstrating	
A breach of the code of conduct	Fail
Not placing the contact	Fail
Going to the same person for both contacts	Fail
Recipient isn't sure who the contact is	Fail
More than 4-6 correction points	Fail
Giving Advice	Fail
Bullying of recipient	Fail
Philosophising evidence	Fail
Bringing through more than one communicator in a contact	Fail
Working psychically	Fail

Not declaring you know the recipient of a contact regardless of whether you knew the communicator or not	Fail

Returning to a recipient who has already received a contact from another medium earlier in a shared demonstration, with the same communicator	Fail
Recipient convinced it was their loved one	Pass (with correction points if relevant)
Eye contact, voice, mannerisms (Fail if with other points/ multiples)	Correction
Taking too long to place recipient	Correction
Not exploring evidence	Correction
'Dropping' of evidence	Correction
Allowing the sitter to give too much information during the contact	Correction or Fail depending on how severe
Stream of evidence without checking with recipient	Correction or Fail depending on how severe

CSNU(h) Healing

Before applying for this award, a candidate must be a Registered Accredited Healing Medium and have passed either the H2 or the SH2 Education Course. (Those who have completed H2 must read a copy of the SH2 Coursework book before starting their CSNUh training). Candidates will be issued with a logbook that contains the information required for the award including training sessions to complete the criteria.

The Pre-FAB training sessions must be completed within 3 years to the satisfaction of the trainer. The Final Assessment is arranged by the Healing Committee.

A candidate must complete a private interview and an oral test of ten questions based on courses studied, 'Healing Code of Conduct/ Healing and the Law' and knowledge of the SNU. The candidate must also give a prayer suitable for a Spiritualist public healing session and give healing to two people (one by contact healing and one by distant healing), to last no more than twenty minutes.

The candidate is also required to deliver a talk suitable for an audience of trainee healers. The talk should cover basic healing techniques from initial contact to completion. The talk duration should be fifteen minutes and allow a further 5 minutes for any questions from the assessors.

Below is a list of assessors fail and correction points. All candidates should keep themselves up to date with these criteria.

A breach of the Code of Conduct	Fail
No attunement to spirit	Fail
No attunement to patient/client	Fail
No physical contact during contact healing	Fail

Physical contact during distant healing	Fail
Talk: visual aid (eg presentation) or a prepared handout was not made available or was not, clear/ suitable	Fail
Talk: wasn't suitably aimed at the audience (eg content must be understandable to Spiritualists)	Fail
Talk – Misquoting sources	Fail
Not moving hands from one area to another in a disciplined manner during contact healing	Fail
Touching patient/client outside the allowed areas as defined by 'What Happens Next Card'	Fail
Not asking permission to touch before commencing contact healing	Fail
Poor attunement to spirit	Fail
Poor attunement to patient/client	Fail
Not addressing God in prayer	Fail
Prayer is not of the appropriate length	Fail
Prayer cannot be heard by assessors	Fail
Content of prayer is not suitable	Fail
Tapping a patient/client to bring them back after contact healing	Fail
Not dressed to standard	Correction
Chair is too close for distant healing	Correction
Not offering the patient/client water	Correction
Offering the patient/client advice	Correction
Talk: must have a structure – start, middle & end	Correction
Talk: must have a theme	Correction
Talk: must have a question-and-answer section	Correction
Talk: covers some but not all relevant aspects with some structure but needs work	Correction
Bringing the patient/client back too soon after healing	Correction
Not explaining how distant healing works	Correction
Not introducing yourself properly to the patient/client	Correction
With contact healing the hands are too heavy	Correction
Any strong odours picked up by the patient/client or assessors	Correction
Not explaining the completion of the treatment	Correction
Talking to a seated patient/client from a standing position	Correction
Not sanitising the hands at appropriate times	Correction
Ignoring comfort or emotional state of patient/client	Correction
Engaging in irrelevant chat with the patient/client	Correction
Not returning personal items to a patient/client	Correction

CSNU(ps) Private Sittings

Before applying for this award, a candidate must hold the CSNU in both Speaking and Demonstrating. They will be issued with a logbook that contains the information required for the award including the raining sessions required to complete the criteria. The pre-FAB training sessions must be completed within three years to the satisfaction of the trainer.

The Final Assessment is arranged by EEcomm. At the Final Assessment a candidate must complete an oral test of ten questions based on courses studied and knowledge of the SNU. They are required to give a separate evidential private sitting to two recipients unknown to the candidate, each sitting of twenty minutes duration.

CSNU(s) Speaking

Before applying for this award, a candidate must have passed the TPS2 education course and passed the Platform Accreditation Scheme in Speaking. They will be issued with a logbook that contains the information required for the award including training sessions required to complete the criteria. The pre-FAB training sessions must be completed within three years to the satisfaction of the trainer.

The Final Assessment is arranged by EEcomm. A candidate must complete a private interview and an oral test of ten questions based on TPS2 and knowledge of the SNU, give a prayer suitable for a Spiritualist service, an unrehearsed reading, a ten- minute inspired talk from the reading and a fifteenminute address based upon the Seven Principles suitable for a church service. All quotes used should be from Spiritualist sources. Please also refer to Speaking Definitions.

For those wishing to pursue speaking only, to be a platform speaker (without demonstrating) or wish to follow the SNU Ministry, the speaking award can be taken separately to demonstrating.

Below is a list of assessors' fail and correction points. All candidates should keep themselves up to date with these criteria. The Correction and Fail points listed here are for student guidance only and are not to be regarded as an exhaustive list.

A breach of the code of conduct	Fail
Not inspiring or uplifting	Fail
Failure to base the address on one of the Seven Principles	Fail
Random thoughts, too many anecdotes	Fail
Misquoting	Fail
Use of notes or prompt cards	Fail
Poor structure (lacks beginning, middle & end)	Fail
Too many facts (more than two) becomes a talk	Fail
Referencing aspects contrary to SNU teachings (e.g. reincarnation)	Fail
Prayers not referring to God	Fail
More than 3 – 6 correction points (correct point dependant)	Fail
Not inspiring	Correction on its own
Not uplifting	Correction on its own
Too many quotes	Correction
Issues with - eye contact, voice, mannerisms	Correction
Evident theme and structure but needs work	Correction

CSNU(art) Spirit Art

Before applying for this award, a candidate must hold the CSNU in both Speaking and Demonstrating. They will be issued with a logbook that contains the information required for the award including training sessions for demonstrating communication mediumship with spirit art required to complete the criteria. The pre-FAB training sessions must be completed within 3 years to the satisfaction of the trainer.

The Final Assessment is arranged by EEcomm. A candidate must complete an oral test of ten questions based on spirit art & mediumship and knowledge of the SNU. The candidate will demonstrate their spirit art & mediumship by presenting evidential drawings and verbal evidence to two recipients within 40 minutes duration and give a prayer suitable for a Spiritualist service.

At CSNU level it is acceptable for the drawing and the evidence to be different people, but they must have a life-connection i.e. husband and wife or mother and son etc. and both known to the recipient.

Below is a list of assessors' fail and correction points. All candidates should keep themselves up to date with these criteria. The Correction and Fail points listed here are for student guidance only and are not to be regarded as an exhaustive list.

Evidence and image are not connected (as per Prospectus)	Fail
Image not recognised	Fail
Not enough interaction while drawing	Fail
Working psychically	Fail
More than one recipient taking information when the evidence and drawing is complete	Fail
No involvement with wider congregation after contact placed	Fail or correction depending on overall presentation
Drawing must be visible to all during the demonstration	Fail or correction depending on severity of obstruction
Some features, not all, recognised	Correction
Image recognised; evidence weak	Correction

CSNU(t) Teaching

Before applying for this award, a candidate for CSNU(t) in speaking and a candidate for the CSNU(t) in demonstrating must hold both the CSNU(d) and the CSNU(s). A candidate for CSNU(t) in administration must hold the CSNU(g) and a candidate for CSNU(t) in healing must hold the CSNU(h) and be an SNU Accredited Healing Medium. A candidate must also have a minimum of twelve months' teaching experience in a Spiritualist environment prior to enrolling on the Teacher Training Scheme. Evidence of this, as well as of any mainstream teaching experience, is to be presented in the form of a portfolio on entry to the course.

To achieve the CSNU(t) award a candidate must attend and successfully pass the Teacher Training Scheme. The scheme consists of three training sessions of two-and-a-half days each, and a further two-and-a-half-day session which includes a Final Assessment Board. A candidate has three years to complete this training which remains valid towards the award for a further one year. A candidate must complete a private interview, an oral test of ten questions based on teaching within the SNU and demonstrate their ability to teach in the discipline in which they hold the CSNU.

Below is a list of assessors fail and correction points. All candidates should keep themselves up to date with these criteria. The Correction and Fail points listed here are for student guidance only and are not to be regarded as an exhaustive list.

Breach of code of conduct	Fail
Unable to use technology	Fail if unable to use / Correction if technical issue
Tutorial becomes talk (no student participation)	Fail
Tutorial becomes group work (all students participate)	Fail
Lecture is a talk (not enough facts/brings in personal opinion)	Fail
Talk is a lecture (opposite of above)	Fail
Group work – not all students work	Fail
Self-promotion	Fail
Not knowing facts/giving wrong details	Fail
Unable to answer questions/waffling responses	Fail
Leaving students alone	Fail
Using PowerPoint as a crutch	Correction or fail depending on how much it is used
Inability to handle interruptions/disruptions	Correction
Room set up/Technology set up	Correction
Inadequate handout	Correction
Not mentioning Health & Safety when relevant	Correction

CSNU(w) Writing (temporarily unavailable)

Before applying for this award, a candidate must have completed the SD3 and W1 education courses with a grade B pass or higher and passed the Platform Accreditation Scheme in Speaking. They will be issued with a logbook that contains the information required for the award including training sessions required to complete the criteria. The four pre-FAB training sessions must be completed to the satisfaction of the trainer. A candidate must also provide copies of at least two items which they have previously written and had published about the teachings and/or phenomena of Spiritualism.

The Final Assessment is arranged by EECom. A candidate must submit at least one month bef date of the final assessment an article suitable for a SNU publication. They must also compl a private interview and an oral test of ten questions based on the written work submitted and knowlec of the SNU and its religion and philosophy.

CSNUi(d) SNUi Demonstrating

Before applying for this award a candidate must have completed the TPS2 education course with a pass or higher and have passed the SNUi or SNU Platform Accreditation Scheme in Speaking and Demonstrating (PAS). They will be issued with a logbook that contains the information required for the award including training sessions required to complete the criteria. The three online pre-FAB training sessions must be completed within 3 years to the satisfaction of the trainer.

The Final Assessment is arranged by EECom. A candidate must complete online, a private interview, an oral test of ten questions based on TPS2 (candidates who have completed SD4 must have read TPS2), knowledge of the SNU and be required to take part in a role play scenario answering a question based

on a typical misunderstanding of mediumship. In addition, the candidate will give a demonstration of mediumship consisting of two separate evidential communications to two separate recipients within fifteen minutes and give a prayer suitable for a Spiritualist service.
The list of demonstrating fail and correction points are the same as CSNU demonstrating. All candidates should keep themselves up to date with these criteria. There may be other small additions, such as not looking at the camera.

CSNUi(ps) SNUi Private Sittings
Before applying for this award, a candidate must hold the CSNUi in both Speaking and Demonstrating. They will be issued with a logbook that contains the information required for the award including the training sessions required to complete the criteria. The pre-FAB training sessions must be completed within 3 years to the satisfaction of the trainer.

The Final Assessment is arranged by EEcomm. At the Final Assessment a candidate must complete online, an oral test of ten questions based on courses studied and knowledge of the SNU. The candidate is required to give a separate evidential private sitting to two recipients unknown to the candidate, each sitting of twenty minutes duration.

CSNUi(s) SNUi Speaking
Before applying for this award, a candidate must have completed the TPS2 education course with a grade B pass or higher and must have passed the SNUi or SNU Platform Accreditation Scheme in Speaking. The candidate will be issued with a logbook that contains the information required for the award including training sessions required to complete the criteria. The online pre-FAB training sessions must be completed within three years to the satisfaction of the trainer.

The Final Assessment is arranged by EEcomm. A candidate must complete online a private interview, an oral test of ten questions based on TPS2 and knowledge of the SNU. In addition a candidate must give a prayer suitable for a Spiritualist service, an unrehearsed reading, a ten-minute inspired talk from the reading and a fifteen-minute address based upon the Seven Principles suitable for a church service. Please also refer to Speaking Definitions.

The list of speaking fail and correction points are the same as CSNU speaking. All candidates should keep themselves up to date with these criteria. There may be other small additions, such as not looking at the camera - To be added to.

CSNUi(art) SNUi Spirit Art
Before applying for this award~~,~~ a candidate must hold either the CSNUi or CSNU in both Speaking and Demonstrating. They will be issued with a logbook that contains the information required for the award including training sessions for demonstrating communication mediumship with spirit art required to complete the criteria. The online pre-FAB training sessions must be completed within 3 years~~.~~ to the satisfaction of the trainer.

The Final Assessment is arranged by EEcomm. A candidate must complete an oral test of ten questions based on spirit art & mediumship and knowledge of the SNU. The candidate will demonstrate their spirit

art & mediumship by presenting evidential drawings and verbal evidence to two recipients within 40 minutes duration and give a prayer suitable for a Spiritualist service.
At CSNU level it is acceptable for the drawing and the evidence to be different people, but they must have a life-connection i.e. husband and wife or mother and son etc. and both known to the recipient.

CSNUi(w) SNUi Writing (temporarily unavailable)

Before applying for this award a candidate must have completed the SD3 and W1 education courses with a grade B pass or higher and passed the SNUi or SNU Platform Accreditation Scheme Speaking. They will be issued with a logbook that contains the information required for the award; including training sessions required to complete the criteria. The four online pre-FAB training sessions must be completed to the satisfaction of the trainer. A candidate must also provide copies of at least two items which they have previously written and had published about the teachings and/or phenomena of Spiritualism.

The online Final Assessment is arranged by EECom. A candidate must submit at least one month before the date of the final assessment an article suitable for a SNU publication. They must also complete a private interview and an oral test of ten questions based on the written work submitted and knowledge of the SNU and its religion and philosophy.

To hold any SNUi award a candidate must be a member of SNUi and either a fully paid-up Individual Member of the SNU or a member of a SNU affiliated body (Church or Kindred Body) or a Pioneer Centre.

DIPLOMA

DSNU(Art)	Spirit Art
DSNU(Adv)	Advanced Academic
DSNU(A)	Assessing
DSNU(B)	Basic Academic
DSNU(D)	Demonstrating
DSNU(G)	Administration
DSNU(H)	Healing
DSNU(L)	Lecturing
DSNU(PS)	Private Sittings
DSNU(S)	Speaking
DSNU(T)	Teaching
DSNU(W)	Writing

Education Course Requirements

DSNU(Adv)	Any one of the Advanced courses
DSNU(Art)	must hold CSNU(art), and D5
DSNU(A)	See relevant discipline for courses required
DSNU(B)	must hold CSNU(s, d, h), and S5
DSNU(D)	must hold CSNU(d) and D5
DSNU(G)	must hold CSNU(g), G3
DSNU(H)	must hold CSNU(h), H3/SH3
DSNU(L)	SD2 and any two Advanced courses
DSNU(PS)	must hold CSNU(ps) and D5
DSNU(S)	must hold CSNU(s) and S5
DSNU(T)	must hold CSNU(t) and DSNU in (S), (D), (H) or (A)
DSNU(W)	SD2, plus any two Advanced courses

Application Process

Before applying for an SNU award a candidate must be an Individual Member of the SNU. All applications for DSNU must be made to SNU head office, either via the online application form or in writing and accompanied by proof of passing the appropriate education course/s and the application fee.

The education course/s must be completed before applying for the DSNU training and FAB. Training for DSNU awards in speaking, demonstrating, or teaching cannot commence until one year has passed since the applicant's most recent successful Final Assessment Board for their CSNUi or the CSNU in speaking, demonstrating, or teaching. All Final Assessment Boards for Diplomas must be carried out by EEcomm.

Intensive Training towards DSNU – S & D

Applicants for this training, must hold a CSNUi (s or d), or a CSNU (s or d). Training for this award cannot commence until one year has passed since the applicant's most recent successful Final Assessment Board for their CSNUi (s or d), or the CSNU (s or d). They must have completed the relevant course work for the diploma level. Applications must be made via EEcomm. The Education and Exponents Committee will review the applications. Any candidates that are part way through the course work may receive dispensation dependant on their progress.

The training will be held at the Longton Spiritualist Church twice in one year. There will be the opportunity to sit the final assessment board, either at the end of the course or within one year of completion. If the candidate does not feel ready at the completion of the course, they must sit their final assessment board within 1 year. The fee is payable in advance and once the candidate feels ready to attend the Final Assessment Board.

DSNU(G) Administration (temporarily unavailable)

A candidate must hold the CSNU(g), have completed education course G3 with a grade B pass or higher. They will be issued with a logbook that contains the information required for the award including training
information on the pre-FAB training sessions required to complete the criteria.

The Final Assessment is arranged by EECom. A candidate must complete an oral test of ten questions based on the courses studied and knowledge of the SNU. The candidate will also submit to the secretary of EECom, no less than three weeks before the date of their FAB, a motion chosen by the candidate suitable to be placed on the agenda of the SNU AGM, including the note of explanation to the motion. Such motion to be validated by the General Purposes Committee (GPC) prior to the board. At the FAB the candidate will propose and speak to the motion as if at an SNU AGM.

DSNU(Adv) Advanced Academic (temporarily unavailable)

Before applying for this award, a candidate must have successfully completed at a minimum of Grade 'B' level any one of the Advanced courses and must hold another Diploma other than the Basic Diploma. The Final Assessment is arranged by EECom. A candidate must complete an interview and an oral test of ten questions based on the thesis submitted on the course studied and knowledge of the SNU. The candidate will also take part in an interview session, where they will be required to answer media- orientated questions in a succinct and accurate manner.

DSNU(A) Assessing

A candidate must hold the CSNU(a) and a diploma in their chosen discipline. The practical training consists of attending the assessor's course and providing a portfolio of ten assessments, with a minimum of two DSNU level assessments and four CSNU level assessments. The portfolio needs to be successfully assessed by an EEcomm appointed holder of the ASNU or in the case of Healing by a holder of DSNU (H,A)

The Final Assessment Board is arranged by EEcomm. A candidate will be required to complete an oral test of ten questions based on assessing criteria in their chosen discipline and knowledge of the SNU.

The holder of a DSNU(A) is approved to assess DSNU applicants for the discipline in which the assessor holds a DSNU, i.e. The assessor must hold a DSNU(S) to assess a DSNU(S) candidate

Below is a list of assessors fail and correction points. All candidates should keep themselves up to date with these criteria. The Correction and Fail points listed here are for student guidance only and are not to be regarded as an exhaustive list.

Doesn't pick up on pass/correction/fail points	Fail
Delivery of feedback poor	Fail
Lack of confidence	Fail
Too lenient	Fail
Gets into challenging conversations/confrontations with candidate	Fail
Doesn't follow correct procedures/incorrect use of paperwork	Fail
Passes a fail point	Fail
Allowing candidate to give wrong information	Fail
Allowing candidate to breach code of conduct	Fail

DSNU(B) Basic Academic (temporarily unavailable)

A candidate must have completed the SD2, SD3 and S5 education courses with a grade B pass or higher. The Final Assessment is arranged by EECom. A candidate must complete an interview and an oral test of ten questions based on the subject of the thesis submitted on the courses studied and knowledge of the SNU.

DSNU(D) Demonstrating

A candidate must hold the CSNU(d) and have completed the D5 education course. Applications for training for this award cannot be accepted until a minimum of one year has passed since the candidate attained their CSNU(d). They will be issued with a logbook that contains the information required for the award including training information on the pre-FAB training sessions required to complete the criteria. The training sessions must be completed to the satisfaction of the trainer.

The Final Assessment is arranged by EEcomm which will include an oral test of ten questions based on the training undertaken and being a representative of the SNU. The candidate will also take part in a demonstration of mediumship to a high evidential standard and demonstrate the ability to efficiently establish the correct recipient. A candidate needs to give three separate evidential communications to three separate recipients in twenty One minutes.

Below is a list of assessors fail and correction points. All candidates should keep themselves up to date with these criteria. The Correction and Fail points listed here are for student guidance only and are not to be regarded as an exhaustive list.

Recipient convinced it was their loved one	Pass (with correction points if relevant)
Not placing the contact	Fail
Going to the same person for both contacts	Fail
Recipient isn't sure who the contact is	Fail
Not exploring evidence	Fail
More than 3 correction points	Fail
Giving Advice	Fail
'Dropping' of evidence	Fail
Stream of evidence without checking with recipient	Fail
Bullying of recipient	Fail
Philosophising evidence	Fail
Working psychically	Fail
Allowing the sitter to give too much information during the contact	Fail

Not declaring you know the recipient of a contact regardless of whether you knew the communicator or not	Fail
Returning to a recipient who has already received a contact from another medium earlier in a shared demonstration, with the same communicator	Fail
Taking too long to place recipient	Correction / Fail if with other points
Eye contact, voice, mannerisms	Correction unless multiples
Inability to handle interruptions/disruptions	Correction

DSNU(H) Healing

A candidate must hold the CSNU(h) award and have completed the H3/SH3 education course with a grade B pass or higher. Applications for training for this award cannot be accepted until a minimum of one year has passed since the candidate attained their CSNU(h).

They will be issued with a logbook that contains the information required for the award, including training information on the pre-FAB training sessions required to complete the criteria.

The training sessions must be completed to the satisfaction of the trainer. The final assessment is arranged by the SNU Healing Committee, which will include an oral test of ten questions based on the training undertaken and being a representative of the SNU.

The Final Assessment Board is arranged by The Healing Committee which will include an oral test of ten questions based on the training undertaken and being a representative of the SNU. The candidate will also give a 20 minute talk suitable for a large public audience of Spiritualists and non- Spiritualists. The use of visual aids is permitted. This will be followed by a ten minute question and answer session.

The candidate will then answer three questions posed by the assessors.

The candidate is then required to give a 20 minute demonstration of healing mediumship, working with a minimum of two recipients and giving both an opening and closing prayer suitable for a public healing session.

Below is a list of fail and correction points. All candidates are required to keep themselves up to date with the criteria required.

A breach of the code of conduct	Fail
Lack of attunement to spirit	Fail
Lack of attunement to recipient	Fail
No physical contact with contact healing	Fail
Physical contact with distant healing	Fail
Not moving hands from one area to another in a disciplined manner during contact healing	Fail
Touching recipient outside the permitted areas as defined by 'What Happens Next Card'	Fail
Not asking permission to touch before commencing contact healing	Fail
Poor attunement to spirit	Fail
Poor attunement to recipient	Fail
Not addressing God in Prayer	Fail

Prayers not of appropriate length	Fail
Prayer cannot be heard by audience or assessors	Fail
Content of Prayer is not suitable	Fail
Tapping a recipient to bring them back after contact healing	Fail
Not displaying the WHN card	Fail
Not collecting recipients' names who receive healing during the demonstration	Fail
Not explaining how healing works	Fail
Not explaining how you work	Fail
Talk: must use either a visual aid (eg presentation) or a prepared handout	Fail

Talk: level must suit audience (eg content must be understandable to the general public and not just Spiritualists)	Fail
Not explaining how distant healing works if used in demonstration	Fail
Bringing the recipient back too soon after healing.	Fail
Talk: must have a structure – start, middle & end	Fail
Talk: must have a theme	Fail
Talk must have a Question-and-Answer Section	Fail
Not introducing yourself properly to the recipient	Correction
With contact healing the hands are too heavy	Correction
Any strong odours picked up by the recipient or assessors	Correction
Not dressed to standard	Correction
Talking to a seated recipient from a standing position	Correction
Chair is too close for distant healing	Correction
Not sanitising the hands at appropriate times	Correction
Ignoring comfort or emotional state of recipients	Correction
Not offering the recipient water	Correction
Engaging in irrelevant chat with the recipient	Correction
Not returning personal items to a recipient	Correction
Offering the recipient advice	Correction

DSNU(L) Lecturing (temporarily unavailable)

A candidate on application must hold the DSNU in Speaking and must submit a title and synopsis of their proposed lecture not less than 28 days prior to their Final Assessment.

The Final Assessment is arranged by EECom, which will include an oral test of ten questions based on courses studied for their specialist discipline and knowledge of the SNU. The candidate will also take part in an interview session, where they will be required to answer media-orientated questions in a succinct and accurate manner. They will be required to present their one-hour lecture including use of suitable visual aids, which must be of a standard suitable for a large public venue and include ten minutes to answer questions from the audience.

DSNU(PS) Private Sittings

Before applying for this award a candidate must hold the CSNU(ps) and DSNU(D). The Final Assessment is arranged by EEcomm, which will include an oral test of ten questions based on knowledge of good practice for conducting private sittings. They will be required to take part in a practical session involving giving two 30-minute sittings to two recipients unknown to the candidate. One is to be an evidential sitting, with emphasis on providing evidence of survival, and the other a spiritual appraisal.

DSNU(S) Speaking

A candidate must hold the CSNU(s) and have completed S5 education course. Applications for training for this award cannot be accepted until a minimum of one year has passed since the candidate attained their CSNU(s). They will be issued with a logbook that contains the information required for the award, including training information on the pre-FAB training sessions. During these training sessions a candidate will be taught to understand the difference between an address given in a church service and an address delivered at an out-of-church venue. They will also learn how to speak about Spiritualism at

local community events, interfaith groups or Schools, if invited to do so. The training sessions must be completed to the satisfaction of the trainer.

The Final Assessment is arranged by EECom which will include an oral test of ten questions based on the training undertaken along with being a representative of the SNU. The candidate will also be required to give a twenty-minute address suitable for a public service, which will be based on the reading given at the start of the service.

Below is a list of assessors fail and correction points. All candidates should keep themselves up to date with these criteria. The Correction and Fail points listed here are for student guidance only and are not to be regarded as an exhaustive list.

Breach of code of conduct	Fail
Not inspiring	Fail
Not uplifting	Fail
Random thoughts, too many anecdotes	Fail
Misquoting	Fail
Use of notes or prompt cards	Fail
Poor structure (lacks beginning, middle & end)	Fail
Too many facts (more than two) becomes a talk	Fail
Referencing aspects contrary to SNU teachings (e.g. reincarnation) –	Fail
Prayers not referring to God	Fail
More than 4 – 6 correction points	Fail
Not knowing facts/giving wrong details	Fail
Unable to answer questions/waffling responses	Fail
Too many quotes	Correction
Issues with - eye contact, voice, mannerisms	Correction
Evident theme and structure but needs work	Correction
Inability to handle interruptions/disruptions	Correction

DSNU(Art) Spirit Art

Before applying for this award a candidate must hold the CSNU(art) and DSNU(D).

The Final Assessment is arranged by EECom. A candidate must complete an oral test of ten questions based on the courses studied (SD2, SD3 & D5) and knowledge of the SNU. They will take part in a demonstration of Spirit Art mediumship, to the high evidential standard required for a large public venue where the audience is a mix of Spiritualists and non-Spiritualists. A candidate needs to give two separate evidential drawings with evidential communication in 30 minutes, whilst demonstrating the ability to effectively establish the correct recipient.

To be regarded as a spirit artist all drawings must be of a recognisable person, known to the recipient, and accompanied by a body of evidence to identify who they are. At DSNU level the drawing and the evidence must be of the same person.

DSNU(T) Teaching

A candidate must hold the CSNU(t). They must also hold a practical Diploma in the discipline that they are applying to teach, i.e. S, D, or H.

There are two routes to attaining the DSNU(T) Award, which is either through a traditional Final Assessment Board held at Stourbridge Spiritualist Church or following an invitation to teach at the Arthur Findlay College (AFC) and subsequently going through the AFC teacher training programme. The latter route will also include by some theoretical and practical assessments carried out by EEcom before the DSNU(T) will be awarded. The DSNU(T) is a necessary qualification to become a full tutor at the AFC.

All applications for AFC must be made through the Education and Exponents Committee expo.sec@snu.org.uk Please see the criteria for experience and skill requirement below. The aim of the suggested process is to provide objective selection based on experience, knowledge and skill. Recruitment will be seen to be open and based on clearly stated criteria.

Requirements for Teaching at the Arthur Findlay College

EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

Essential

Extensive experience as a working Spiritualist

Consistent record of Public work over three years, showing a sound understanding of the philosophy and practice in their particular field and drawing from:

Mediumship: Full church services; Public Demonstrations; On-line Demonstrations, Healing work

Speaking: Church talks, readings, prayers PLUS extended public talks (1hr or more) in situ or online

Evidence of experience in providing evidential private sittings (not absolutely necessary for Speakers or Specialists)

Teaching experience of successfully delivering (at least) day-long workshops to groups of ten or more Good team worker

Empathic and supportive to colleagues and students alike

Desirable

Innovative and fresh ideas

A positive, professional, media presence

Previous work as a professional medium/speaker either in a variety of settings suitable for a Spiritualist medium or as experience gained in the workplace Evidence of working successfully as part of a team

QUALIFICATIONS/REFERENCES

Essential

For Mediums - Successful completion CSNU (S&D) i.e. though they can be working towards this if they are experienced professionals coming from outside the SNU.

PLUS

Three references from recognised organisations/churches/professional individuals they have worked with

For Speakers/Specialist Tutors – Appropriate evidence of competence in their chosen field PLUS Three references from organisations/churches/professional individuals they have worked with PLUS CSNUt

Desirable

For Mediums: DSNU in a chosen subject area plus CSNU (S&D)

For Speakers: DSNU in a chosen subject area plus CSNU (S&D)

For Specialist Speakers/Demonstrators: Appropriate qualification or references supporting their competence in their chosen area

Previous teaching experience in an educational environment

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SELECTION AND PROCESS

Application should be made, referring to the person specification outlined above. Copies of qualifications must be included in the application. Applications must be sent to the Secretary of EEcomm expo.sec@snu.org.uk

Once applications have been read through and selections made on the basis of the Person Spec, successful individuals are called for interview.

It is envisaged the interview panel could comprise of one Collegiate representative, one College course organiser and other EEcomm member.

Interview responses will be graded A to D. The grade will determine the next step in the procedure.

Next Step according to grade.

A **Ideal in every respect** – candidates go straight to 3 weeks mentoring with a College Tutor. If successful, they are invited to join the team as a working tutor. Every new tutor will have a review by the Collegiate after one year. If their performance is acceptable they will join the College team as a full tutor.

B **Very good** – candidates are invited to work for free on the New Horizons week at the College to confirm their suitability. (The week would be free to them, as it is a key part of the selection process). If successful, they are recommended for the 3 weeks mentoring, as above.

C **Good potential** – candidates are invited to attend the Teaching Skills Weekend to establish sound teaching practice. If successful, they are invited on to the New Horizons week, as above.

D **Not currently appropriate** – candidates are given clear and honest feedback with pointers as to either how they might improve, or as to what other opportunities to work for spirit could be more suitable for them.

If accepted into full training by the AFC, the student will continue to be monitored by EEcomm and given both practical and theoretical tasks to assess their fitness to practice as an exponent of the SNU. Ultimately the candidate will be awarded their DSNU(T). As with all other FABs, the EEcomm decision is final.

Students who wish to attain their DSNU(T) but do not wish to teach at AFC can do this through the normal process of applying to sit their FAB. The FAB is arranged by EEcomm, includes a test of ten questions based on teaching the discipline, courses studied and knowledge of the SNU. A candidate will be required to carry out a lecture (including Q & A) give a tutorial and two group work sessions to a class.

The candidate must present to a standard which shows that they have attained the ability to teach at Diploma level. This will include and may not be limited to; teaching sessions aimed at advanced students, however, the candidate must be able to show adaptability to mixed levels in the group, including being able to be inspired while teaching without going off topic, and displaying the capability to link in with students.

The candidates on both routes will also be assessed on; their manner towards, peers, students and staff, professionalism, depth of knowledge, ability to answer students' questions and be able to adapt to any disruptions or changes on/ throughout the day.

An ability to demonstrate their technology skills will be helpful particularly for the lectures – PowerPoint, including projector and screen, audio and any other technology required. At diploma level candidates need to produce professional handouts and the use of suitable teaching tools.

Students who do not succeed in achieving acceptance onto the AFC programme and have not attained their DSNU(T) can be allowed to try again at least after a period of no less than 2 years.

Below is a list of assessors fail and correction points. All candidates should keep themselves up to date with these criteria. The Correction and Fail points listed here are for student guidance only and are not to be regarded as an exhaustive list.

Inability to handle interruptions/disruptions	Fail
Unable to use technology	Fail
Using PowerPoint as a crutch	Fail
Inadequate handouts	Fail
Tutorial becomes talk (no student participation)	Fail
Tutorial becomes group work (all students participate)	Fail
Lecture is a talk (not enough facts/brings in personal opinion)	Fail
Talk is a lecture (opposite of above)	Fail
Group work – not all students work	Fail
Self-promotion	Fail
Not knowing facts/giving wrong details	Fail
Unable to answer questions/waffling responses	Fail
Room set up/Technology set up	Correction

DSNU(W) Writing (temporarily unavailable)

A candidate must hold the CSNU(w) and completed the SD2 education courses with a grade B pass o higher and any two Advanced courses. A candidate must provide copies of at least five items which they have previously written and had published, of which two must be in publications in either national

or

international circulations.

The Final Assessment is arranged by EECom, which will include an oral test of ten questions based on the written work submitted and knowledge of the SNU and its religion and philosophy. The candidate will also take part in an interview session, where they will be required to answer media-orientated questions in a succinct and accurate manner.

APPOINTMENTS

Ministership

The highest appointment the Spiritualists' National Union can confer is that of Minister and is accorded to those who have been selected as worthy to represent Spiritualism as Ministers of Religion. This appointment is only by invitation from the National Executive Committee to a candidate who has satisfactorily completed and passed the prescribed training and Assessment Board.

Officiant (OSNU)

The appointment of Officiant is granted to those who are considered capable of conducting services such as marriages, funerals and Spiritualists namings and is by invitation from the National Executive Committee to a candidate who has satisfactorily completed the prescribed training and assessment.

Fellowship (FSNU)

The Fellowship is granted by the National Executive Committee only to a holder of an Advanced Diploma on the basis of an individual thesis by the candidate, in their own words on a subject connected with Spiritualism. The thesis should normally be of at least 20,000 words and be suitable for publication. Only a thesis of exceptional standard will be accepted. Only in exceptional circumstances will the Fellowship be granted retrospectively for work already completed before the date of application for the Fellowship, which shall not include work commissioned by the Union or done in the course of SNU Committee duties. Applications for the Fellowship must be made to the Secretary of EECom, accompanied by the prescribed fee and such other information as EECom may from time to time require.

The National Executive Committee requires as a condition of appointment to the Fellowship that the copyright in the thesis be assigned to the Union on such terms as the National Executive Committee considers fair.

Approved Assessor (ASNU)

The appointment of Approved Assessor is granted by the National Executive Committee to holders of a Diploma in Speaking, Demonstrating, Healing and Teaching. There must be a Diploma holder as an Assessor who have satisfactorily completed the prescribed training and assessment. A candidate has two years to complete the training.

Approved Teacher (TSNU)

The appointment of Approved Teacher is granted by the National Executive Committee to holders of Diploma in Speaking, Demonstrating, or Healing and a Diploma as a Teacher who have satisfactorily completed the prescribed training and assessment. The candidate has two years to complete the training.