



CERTIFIED
PRACTISING
CELEBRANT

About Us

CPC - Certified Practising Celebrant network's core service is to celebrants internationally. It includes education, training, support, and advocacy.

The Certified Practising Celebrant accreditation is supported by the Registered Training Organisation called **Australian Celebrations Training**. This training company is a niche celebrant only, training provider. It offers training in marriage, funeral, general celebrancy and ongoing professional development.

It is through the ongoing professional development program that the CPC program was brought to light for celebrants who wish to extend their skills and knowledge further and to network and be supported by other great celebrants.

Our vision and purpose

Our vision

Is to partner with celebrant colleagues to prepare for rites of passage in a modern, evolving and globally connected world.

Our purpose

Advancing individual celebrant's professional skills and knowledge, who then contribute to enhancing both ceremonial work and connectedness in their communities. CPC members will directly participate in an annual charitable event.



For people who wish to engage a celebrant



Discerning couples and/or families who understand the importance of ceremony will wish to be guided by professional celebrants



People who wish to have a joint relationship in planning ceremonies that are meaningful and memorable.



Knowing that CPC is the only organisation who requires an applicant to prove their high-quality standards



Support from the CPC community to assist with creative and supportive ideas as celebrants work with their clients

What is a CPC?

A Certified Practising Celebrant (CPC) is a ceremonial and business professional who has met and maintains a high professional standard of competency.

It provides people in the community hiring a professional to understand the higher level of skills and knowledge that the CPC has attained, and continues to develop.

Why become a CPC?

- As a CPC you are distinguished as a professional in the field of celebrancy. A CPC is a person of integrity and professional competency.
- CPC is the only peak professional benchmark of its kind for celebrants.
- CPCs are required to undertake professional development above base line requirements annually to keep their knowledge and skills current to maintain the certification of CPC.
- Once you have obtained the CPC certification you can then share your achievement in marketing and be seen on the CPC Member Directory for people seeking a professional celebrant.

Benefits of being a CPC

- Access to Masterclasses – including Cert IV units (funeral)
- Use of postnominals CPC, or CPC Associate
- Member directory online
- Exclusive member events for learning and fun
- Networking with professional colleagues
- Resources to assist your professional practice
- Support to assist you and your business to grow
- Public Liability and Professional Indemnity Insurance
- Closed Facebook forum
- Participate in a CPC charitable cause each year

Contributing to our community

- Originally the government when appointing celebrants had in their requirements that a marriage celebrant show their community standing, which was demonstrated by their occupation, interests, and/or their voluntary support. We uphold the importance of social connection to our communities.
- Each member of CPC will be required to participate in an event to assist one national allocated charity per year.

To use the
designation
CPC, a member
must:

- Complete the academic requirements
- Complete the CPC program
- Complete annual professional development
- Comply to the Code of Conduct set by CPC

To qualify a
**Certified Practising
Celebrant** applicant
will have:

Extensive practical experience with recognized celebrancy qualifications.

- **Educational Qualifications**

- A Certificate IV in Celebrancy or equivalent as a minimum

- **Professional experience**

- 3 years' minimum celebrancy experience as a celebrant including a minimum of 30 ceremonies completed
- Applicants will be required to submit a personal resume of their professional achievements.
- Evidence of ceremonial work completed which will need to be substantiated.
- A PA system, public liability and copyright insurance will be required to be approved.

Steps to gaining membership

- Complete application form which will include a statutory declaration to prove the amount of ceremonies you have conducted
- Complete the ceremony design and documents for 3 case studies (your copyright will be respected)
- Submit application form and pay non-refundable application fee \$100
- CPC panel will assess your application
- If successful you will then be invited to join the program and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct
- Unsuitability is at the panel's discretion and maybe conflict of interest or non-compliance with membership requirements
- Pay your annual membership fee

Steps to gaining membership (2)

- You will then have access to the requirements of completing your program to gain CPC accreditation.
- You will have access to training courses of professional development.
- You will have access to forums and mentors
- You will have course assessment task to complete after the Intensive learning days
- You will be working on completing your *20 points of experience*
- You will be able to use the logo *CPC Associate*, until you have completed your program.
- Membership is based on a calendar year



When you have met all the requirements of CPC you will:

- Have completed the tasks of the program within a one year period
- Paid your annual membership fee
- Be able to use the logo *CPC*

Maintaining your CPC status

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You will have contributed to the forums by supporting and uplifting colleagues

2

You will have maintained the ethos of the Code of Conduct for CPC

3

You will complete the associated points required for professional development of 20 points for each year



Breakdown of CPC program

- Includes two, one day online intensive days of learning and networking (which will meet your annual OPD requirements) (offered by CPC)
- One x 2 hour online evening session (offered by CPC)
- Access to CPC Masterclasses that will inspire, educate and improve your celebrancy practices, with information from some of Australia's best celebrants, marketers, educators and performing artists.
- Ongoing mentoring and support for professional celebrants to assist you in achieving your CPC accreditation

Breakdown of CPC program (2)

- Access to the online CPC forum for networking, collaboration and enquiry
- The online sessions will contain
 - Information from experienced educationalists, writers, performers, business personnel, social media specialists, ritual makers.
 - Access to the secrets of experienced celebrants with years of experience working with couples and families, from all across Australia
 - Networking opportunities abound by meeting and mingling with celebrants who wish to be the best in their field

Prerequisites

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

Minimum of 3 years celebrancy experience

Completion of a minimum of 30 ceremonies
(weddings, namings, funerals, other ceremonies)

Certificate IV in Celebrancy *or* equivalent

Agree to Code of Conduct



Knowledge points	Learning Points
Public speaking	CPC masterclass
Published articles	Ongoing professional development
Contribution to Newsletter/Blog	Conference attendance
Delivery of workshop	Vocational education
Mentoring	Webinars
Contribution to workshops/forums	Professional reading
	Creative writing
1 hour = 1 point	Public speaking or drama classes

Master
research
project = 20
points



Certification

After the completion of the required tasks, the panel of Certified Practising Celebrants will review and verify the members submission.

Upon completion, members will be awarded:

- the title of Certified Practising Celebrant
- post nominal accreditation (CPC)
- eligibility to participate in and be honoured at the CPC awards ceremony



Code of Conduct

