

A CREDENTIAL FOR YOUR CAREER & YOUR COMMUNITY

Today's communities face a myriad of challenges – violence, substance addiction, crime, illness – but those problems, and the long-term damage they can cause, can be prevented, with appropriate education and intervention. Prevention-based programs are taking that message to schools, workplaces, faith-based organizations, and community centers in the U.S. and 22 countries around the world. The success of these programs relies on a competent, well-trained, ethical and professional workforce of Prevention Specialists.

The Affordable Health Care for America Act of 2010, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) "8 Strategic Initiatives," and the 2011 National Drug Control Strategy have placed prevention in the forefront of health care reform efforts across the country. Local, state, and national organizations are struggling to keep up with the tremendous demand for new prevention professionals.

Credentialed prevention staff ensure that programs and their funders are delivering on their mission of ensuring public safety and well-being. A thorough understanding of prevention and the latest evidence-based practices for treatment is the hallmark of a qualified professional. The Prevention Specialist credential requires professionals to demonstrate competency through experience, education, supervision, and the passing of a rigorous examination.

Adopted in 1994, the Prevention Specialist (PS) is one of the fastest growing credentials in the field of addiction-related behavioral health care. There are now more than 50 U.S. states, territories, and countries that offer a reciprocal PS credential.

SOURCE: WWW.INTERNATIONALCREDENTIALING.ORG/CREDS/PS

DO I QUALIFY?

This certification is offered to those persons who frequently are **not** involved in one-to-one and group counseling with persons who have substance use disorder problems. Rather, it is offered to those persons who identify and work with people in **high risk categories and/or in alcohol and drug education settings** (i.e.: human service agencies, drug and alcohol educators, high school guidance counselors, etc.)

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

The practice of a Certified Substance Abuse Prevention Consultant is based on knowledge in the performance domains to **prevent or reduce** the conditions that place individuals at increased risk of developing addictive disorder or disease and help prevent relapse.

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1. REGISTRATION

This is the first step in the credentialing process. A Registered person is a considered a substance use disorder professional who is receiving supervision from a Certified Clinical Supervisor, Clinical Supervisor Intern, or Certified Substance Abuse Prevention Consultant with three years of experience at a ratio of 1:10 hours for the 300 hour practicum and 1:40 hours for the remaining experience hours

Registration is limited to **5 years**, after which an applicant must re-apply.

REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION:

- DOCUMENTATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION, COMPLETION OF GED, BACCALAUREATE OR ADVANCED DEGREE
- A SUPERVISION AGREEMENT BY A CCS, CCS INTERN, OR CSAPC WITH 3 YEARS EXPERIENCE.
- AGREEMENT TO THE ETHICAL PRINCIPLES OF CONDUCT
- COMPLETION OF 3 CLOCK HOURS OF ETHICS TRAINING
- RESUME AND JOB DESCRIPTION
- REGISTRATION FEE
- COMPLETION OF SBI/SBI BACKGROUND CHECK

There is no Intern or Associate step for this credential.

REQUIRED FOR IC&RC PREVENTION SPECIALIST EXAMINATION:

- SUPERVISED PRACTICUM BY A CCS, CCS INTERN, OR CSAPC WITH 3 YEARS EXPERIENCE.

Traditionally, the Prevention Specialist Examination is taken as the last step in the CSAPC process. Under some circumstances, the PS examination can be taken prior to completion of the CSAPC credential. Contact the Board to learn more.

The 300 Hour Practicum is roughly two months of work experience (based on a 40 hour work week) where the applicant receives supervision at a ratio of 1 hour for every 10 hours worked.



2. FULL CERTIFICATION

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

THE "3 E'S" OF CERTIFICATION

EXPERIENCE

A minimum of 300 board approved practicum hours verified by a CCS, CSI, or CSAPC with three years of experience.

Three (3) years full-time experience in the field or two (2) years if applicant has a bachelor's degree or higher in a human services field, documented and supervised by a CCS, CSI, or CSAPC with three years experience

EDUCATION

270 clock hours of approved education/training, of which 170 hours in the area of primary prevention from the current Performance Domains as defined by IC&RC; and 100 hours in substance use disorder specific.

A minimum of six hours of training in Ethics, HIV/AIDS, STDs and Bloodborne Pathogens, and other contemporary topics in addictions treatment. Refer to the website for more details.

EXAM

Passing Score on the IC&RC PS Examination