





# The Importance of Prevention Credentialing



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# Objectives

- Participants will be able to explain what the Ohio Chemical Dependency Prevention Credentials are and why prevention professionals should obtain them
  - Discuss how to advocate to support this credentialing at places of employment, with colleagues, and in the community
  - Participants will understand the process of applying for and maintaining each level of Prevention Credential
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# Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board

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Mission: To cultivate, certify and license quality prevention and addiction professionals

Vision: A network of competent, ethical professionals practicing evidence-informed services that promote healthy lifestyles and communities

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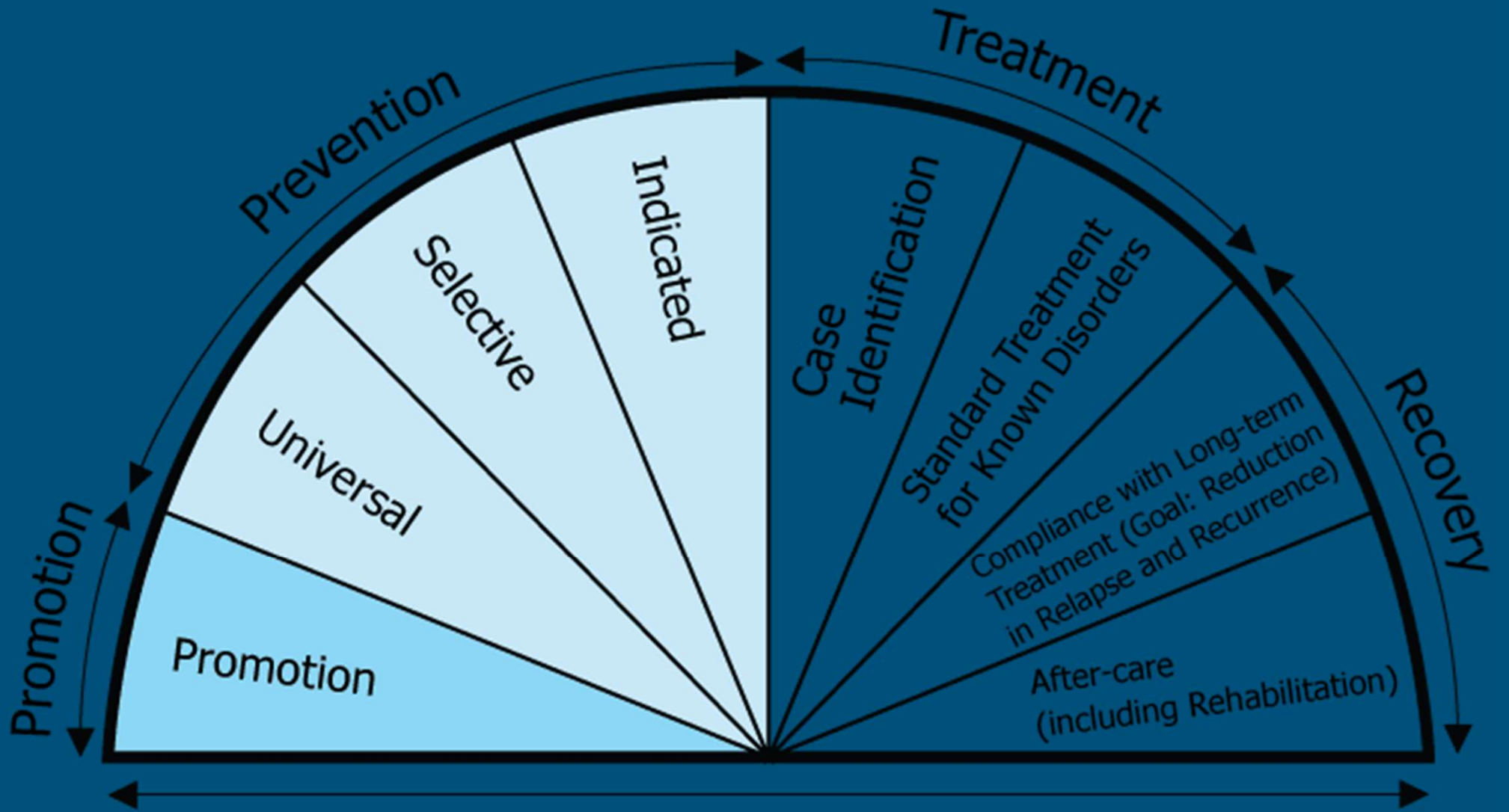
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# What?

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What are the Ohio Chemical  
Dependency Prevention Credentials?



# Prevention Services

Section 4758.01 Ohio  
Revised Code

(B) (2) (F) "Prevention services" means a comprehensive, multi-system set of individual and environmental approaches that maximizes physical health, promotes safety, and precludes the onset of behavioral health disorders.

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# What are the Ohio Chemical Dependency Prevention Credentials?

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## Registered Applicant

Initial credential intended to begin the continued prevention credentialing process and puts professionals under the scope of practice and Code of Ethics.

OCPSA

## Ohio Certified Prevention Specialist Assistant

Learning credential which can help those in prevention gain education and experience.

OCPS

## Ohio Certified Prevention Specialist

Credential that allows prevention professionals to work more independently and expand preventions reach. Can supervise others in prevention.

OCPC

## Ohio Certified Prevention Consultant

Highest level in prevention credentialing. Can supervise others in prevention as well as programs and departments and practice as an independent practitioner.

# Registered Applicant

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- Must be 18 years old and hold a High School Diploma or GED
- Complete the Professional Development Plan to complete credentialing process
- Completion of online application
- Only a two year certificate; must move to next credential
- Non-renewable



# Ohio Certified Prevention Specialist Assistant

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- Must be 18 years old and hold a High School Diploma or GED
- Obtain 100 hours of prevention related work experience (paid or volunteer)
- Gain 45 hours of prevention education in the specified content areas
- Completion of online application
- Must be renewed every two years

# Ohio Certified Prevention Specialist

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- Minimum of an Associate's Degree
- One year (at least 2000 hours) of prevention related work experience (paid or volunteer)
- Completion of 120 hours of prevention education in the specified content areas
- Successful completion of the IC&RC prevention examination
- Completion of online application
- Must be renewed every two years

# Ohio Certified Prevention Consultant

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- Minimum of a Bachelor's Degree
- One year (at least 2000 hours) of prevention experience
- Two additional years in administrating or supervising prevention services

# Why should you be credentialed?

Community members,  
prevention providers and other  
credentials

- If you are a community or coalition member, being credentialed can help the coalition obtain funding, help you better understand prevention and support efforts in your community
- Providing prevention services require that you be credentialed, it can help obtain funding, better advocate for effective prevention and puts you under the scope of practice
- If you are credentialed in another discipline, obtaining prevention credentials can help you understand the differences with prevention and puts you under the scope of practice

How do I obtain my Prevention  
Credentials?

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# Step One:

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## Become a Registered Applicant:

- This puts you under the Scope of Practice
- The only way to get the prevention experience hours
- Complete the Professional Development Plan
  - Make it thoughtful and personalized
  - Think about your career path and what you want to accomplish
- Create an account on elicense
- Upload the PDP

# How to fill out the PDP

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Download both the PDP and the Content Area Definitions

Education = Classes, workshops, and training in the content area

Experience = Direct and indirect work in primary prevention

Within each content area, decide what you want/need more education about and where you want to get more experience

Content Area	Education	Experience
P1 Planning and Evaluation	Take courses in SPF	Shadow a coworker to collect data
P2 Prevention Education and Service Delivery	Take training in LifeSkills	Co-facilitate prevention groups with more experienced coworker
P3 Communication	Previous college course in public speaking	Work with supervisor to create social media campaigns
P4 Community Organization	Take training in coalition development through CADCA	Attend local coalition meetings and serve on a committee
P5 Public Policy and Environmental Change	Take Bridges Out of Poverty Training	Work with city council on new community alcohol policies
P6 Professional Growth and Responsibility	Obtain education on 40 Developmental Assets	Attend Youth Led prevention activities



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# Prepare for Step Two

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- Obtain unofficial transcripts with any college classes
- Gather all certificates to any workshops
- Ensure your supervision requirements are correct

# Supervision requirements

Ohio Administrative Code  
Rule 4758-6-09

## RA and OCPSA:

- OCPS, OCPC
- MD, OD
- Licensed Psychologist
- RN, Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Professional Clinical Counselor, Professional counselor, LISW, SW, IMFT, MFT
- Licensed School Counselor
- CHES

## Ohio Certified Prevention Specialist (OCPS):

- OCPS, OCPC
- RN, Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Nurse Specialist
- LISW
- CHES

## Ohio Certified Prevention Consultant (OCPC):

- No supervision required

# Reading certificates

Date: March 4-5, 2019

Continuing Education Hours:

10.75

P2--Prevention Education and Service Delivery—10.75

R1—Field Related Other—10.75

Tracking #:

1.5 OBN003 92 Ohio Board of Nursing

1.5 RSX088902 Social Workers/OhioCSMFT

1.5 RCX068915 Counselors/OhioCSMFT

1.5 311334820 OPA-MCE

1.5 [REDACTED] Ohio Chemical Dependency Board

R1-1.5, P2-1.5

Course #:

RCH Provider #:

Recognized Clock Hours: 6

RCHs for OCPSA, OCPS, OCPC

P7 – Ethics in Prevention (6)

RCHs for CDCA, LCDC II, LCDC III, LICDC

R1-Field Related Other (6)

# Step Two:

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## Complete paperwork for OCPSA

- Fill out Education Grid
- Obtain a signed copy of your job description
- Scan in all certificates
- Request supervisor to complete supervision report on E-license
- If applicable, request college transcripts be emailed to the board [transcripts@ocdp.ohio.gov](mailto:transcripts@ocdp.ohio.gov)

# AOD Primary Prevention Specific Content

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Nine (9) of the 45 hours for the OCPSA or twenty-four (24) hours of the 120 hours for the OCPS/OCPC must be AOD Primary Prevention Specific content.

To meet this requirement, the content of the learning must lead to outcomes that correlate specifically to substance use prevention. For example: training on prevention education curriculums that have proven outcomes as it relates to substance use prevention, training on evidence-based practices as it relates to substance use prevention outcomes.

Also considered meeting this requirement would be education courses on tobacco, alcohol and other drugs only if the the course learning relates back to knowledge needed for preventionists, not for clinical knowledge needed for counseling/treatment.

# Education Grid Tips

## College Courses

- If a college course was a semester class, multiply the number of credit hours by 15 (weeks)
  - If the college course was a quarter class, multiply the number of credit hours by 10 (weeks)
  - Some college courses can be split between content areas if it covered all areas (syllabus encouraged)
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# Experience hours

## Fulfilling the experience requirement

The applicant must complete the minimum hours (indicated below) in each performance domain. These total 60 hours. The remaining 60 hours may be spent in any domains as determined necessary by the supervisor and applicant.

PERFORMANCE DOMAIN	MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED	HOURS COMPLETED
Planning and Evaluation	10 hours	
Prevention Education & Service Delivery	10 hours	
Communication	10 hours	
Community Organization	10 hours	
Public Policy & Environmental Change	10 hours	
Professional Growth & Responsibility	10 hours	

- Use the content area definitions to determine the experience that would fit in each domain
  - Discuss with your supervisor how you can obtain this experience
  - This is only the minimum in each
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## Step Three:

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Complete all forms and scan all items into files; use your last name as the title of the file

Log into E-license and select "Apply for a new license"

Complete all questions and ensure your supervisor completes their forms

# Oh no! I wasn't approved!

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- Many applications are returned to have some piece of information changed, replaced, or explained
- Don't get discouraged; send additional information or correct problems
- If you don't understand, first contact an OCAM coach for advice then contact the Board for clarification

# Approved

For the OCPSA

- Print out your certificate
  - Turn in a copy to your supervisor
  - Ensure you get all continuing education needed every two years to maintain credentials
  - Begin working on next credential
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# OCPS

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When you are approved to register for the Prevention Certification Examination:

- Begin studying
- Register at one of the local testing sites listed in the email
- Take practice tests
- Relax and focus
- Take your time and read all options
- Provisional pass/fail at the end

# Advocating for Credentials

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- Make sure you follow all rules outlined in the Code of Ethics
- Use proper occupational titles (ie. Prevention Specialist)
- Encourage community to seek effective prevention strategies through credentialed prevention professionals
- Hold each other accountable to maintain professionalism of all prevention specialists

# Test taking resources

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- Rhode Island Prevention Specialist Certification Study guide
- CADCA Primers
- Candidate Guide for the IC&RC Prevention Specialist Examination
- Study Groups: OCAM Study Group
- Practice tests

# Ohio Coaching and Mentoring (OCAM) Network

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- Help with completing the grids
- Answer questions and brainstorm solutions
- Study resources
- One on One coaching
- Training



Questions?





# Thank you !

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- You must attend the entire training to receive CEUs
- Completed evaluations are **required** to receive CEUs
- **Certificate of Attendance Form**
  - CEU verification code given at the end of the session
  - Total hours
  - Sign & date form
  - Leave yellow copy at registration at the end of the day
- Certificate of Attendance will be emailed in 30 days

- CEU Verification code:
- Complete the evaluation survey here:



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