

Certification of Prevention Professionals



*“Helping Youth Stay
Above The Influence”*

Welcome CPWI Coalition Coordinators!
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PSCBW

*Prevention Specialist Certification
Board of Washington*

Mission

- ❖ Certify prevention professionals
- ❖ Uphold ethical standards
- ❖ Promote professional development and growth

PSCBW Structure



- Non-Profit, Peer-led Volunteer Board
- Member board of the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC)

Type of Credential

Internationally Certified Prevention Specialist (ICPS)

also known as

- Certified Prevention Specialist (CPS) outside of WA
- Certified Prevention Professional (CPP) - WA

CPP/ICPS Certification

Developed for substance abuse prevention professionals:

- Demonstrates mastery of the fundamental skills
- Applicable across all practice settings
- In general, until recently, the CPP has been voluntary credentialing in Washington State

Overall Benefits of Certification



- ✓ Establishes professional standards
- ✓ Attests to individual's knowledge and skills
- ✓ Assists employers in identifying qualified practitioners

Benefits for Individuals



- Sense of pride and accomplishment
- Promotes continued professional development
- Network of individuals across the state and nationally

Three Steps to Credentialing



1. Submit candidate portfolio
2. Peer review process
3. Pass the written exam for Substance Abuse Prevention Specialists

We want you to become certified!

Step 1: Candidate Portfolio

- a. 2,000 hours minimum of ATOD prevention work experience of which 120 hours are supervised experience in prevention domains
- b. 150 hours minimum of prevention specific education/training
- c. Prevention-specific code of ethics commitment
- d. Criminal history background check
- e. Application and testing fee (currently \$225)

a(i) Prevention Work Experience

- 2,000 hours (paid or volunteer)
- Multiple sources and over multiple years
- See prevention domains (next slide)
- Community organizing/mobilizing and most public health education work
- Treatment, therapy, counseling, and cessation work typically not accepted
- Job description or statement describes work as prevention related
- Experience can come from outside of WA State
- No time constraint on experience
- *Prevention Experience guidelines*

a(ii) Supervised Hours in Domains

Verification of 120 Supervised Prevention Experience Hours in the Six IC&RC Prevention Domains

- I. Planning and Evaluation
- II. Prevention Education and Service Delivery
- III. Communication
- IV. Community Organization
- V. Public Policy and Environmental Change
- VI. Professional Growth and Responsibility

E=Exceeds, C=Competent, NA=Not Applicable*

Minimum of 10 hours in each domain

Hint: review and prepare each domain prior to supervisor evaluation

b. Prevention Education/Training



* More hours
is better and
works to your
advantage!

Minimum* of 150 Total Hours:

- 10 hours ATOD Education/ Training (e.g. Alcohol and Drug 101, Drug Pharmacology)
- 34 hours of specific Prevention Education (e.g. Project Alert, Life Skills, Strengthening Families)
- 6 hours Prevention-specific Ethics
- 100 hours General Prevention (e.g. suicide prevention, bullying prevention)

d.- e. Other Portfolio Requirements Prevention Code of Ethics Statement, Criminal Background Check, and Application/ Testing Fees

For instructions, [portfolio application](#) and [current fee schedule](#), refer to the PSCBW website. www.pscbw.com

[Criminal history background check](#) – WSP current – within last 12 months of application.

Application available as Word and PDF.

Use the checklist as your “action items” and review it for completion before submission.

Submission of completed portfolio as hard copies or flash drive.

Keep a hard copy of your completed portfolio application for yourself!!!

Applying for CPP/ICPS Certification

Application Deadline

Examination Date

December 11, 2015 (Friday)

March 11, 2016 (Friday)

March 19, 2016 (Saturday)

June 11, 2016 (Saturday)

June 24, 2016 (Friday)

September 9, 2016 (Friday)

Computer-based Testing (CBT) offers more flexibility of when and where to take the exam. Results of the exam are immediate in CBT.

At the time of application submission, candidate must include a non-refundable application fee and examination fee of \$225.

Step 2: Peer Review



Eligibility
Committee
Review



Full Board
Review



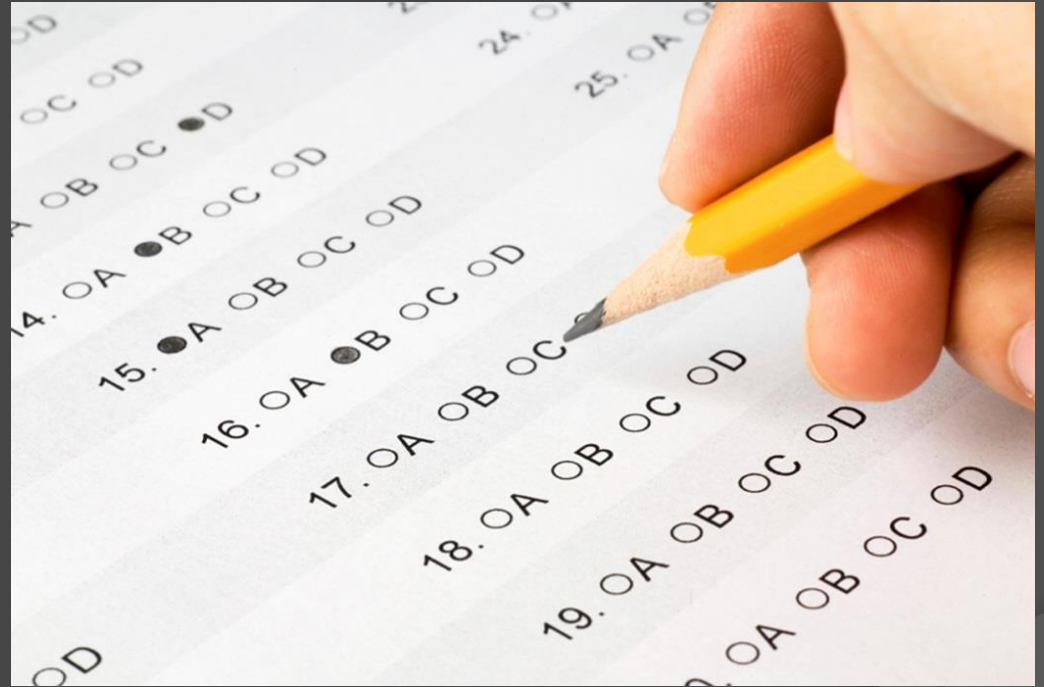
Step 3: CPP/ICPS Examination

- ✓ Competency-based
- ✓ 150 multiple choice questions
- ✓ Identifies each area of responsibility - prevention domains
- ✓ Scoring based on each section
- ✓ PSCBW loans “Ready to Test” manual, see www.pscbw.com
- ✓ [IC&RC on line exam prep](#)
- ✓ [Workshop training at NPN Conference](#) Monday evening

Pencil and paper exam

Three times per year:

1. March
2. June
3. September



Computer-based Testing



- Flexibility

CPP/ICPS Renewal Requirements

- ❖ Renewed every two years if
 - Renewal fees paid, currently \$75
 - 40 hours of continuing education completed and documentation submitted
 - Criminal History Background check requirements met

CPP/ICPS Continuing Education

❖ 40 Continuing Education Hours are required every two years with documentation:

- 20 hours alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention education
- 20 hours general prevention education

CPP/ICPS Continuing Education Opportunities

- ✓ Conferences, Workshops and Seminars
- ✓ Proctoring Examinations
- ✓ Academic Preparation
- ✓ Professional Presentations
- ✓ Professional Service

Prevention Recertification



“Getting Back on the Saddle”

For individuals whose certification had lapsed and who are now interested in regaining their CPP:

- Recertification Application
- Criminal History Background Check
- Application Fee of \$150

Current CPS moving into Washington State?



- ❖ Contact the PSCBW:
 - Reciprocity application form
 - Documentation from original certifying state
 - Fee
 - Criminal background check

Multi-tiered Prevention System



- Advanced level -
to be developed
- CPP/ICPS
- Associate Prevention
Professional (APP)

Associate Prevention Professional (APP)

- Targeted toward students or beginning professionals
- APP application fee is \$50 (\$100 after January 1, 2016)
- 500 hours of experience
- 70 hours of education/ training

For More Information



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