



WHY BECOME A CERTIFIED PREVENTION PROFESSIONAL (CPP)?

As the field of prevention expands, CPPs are increasingly in demand. Obtaining the CPP credential may help with gaining access into the field of prevention and advancing professionally in the field.

The certification serves to:

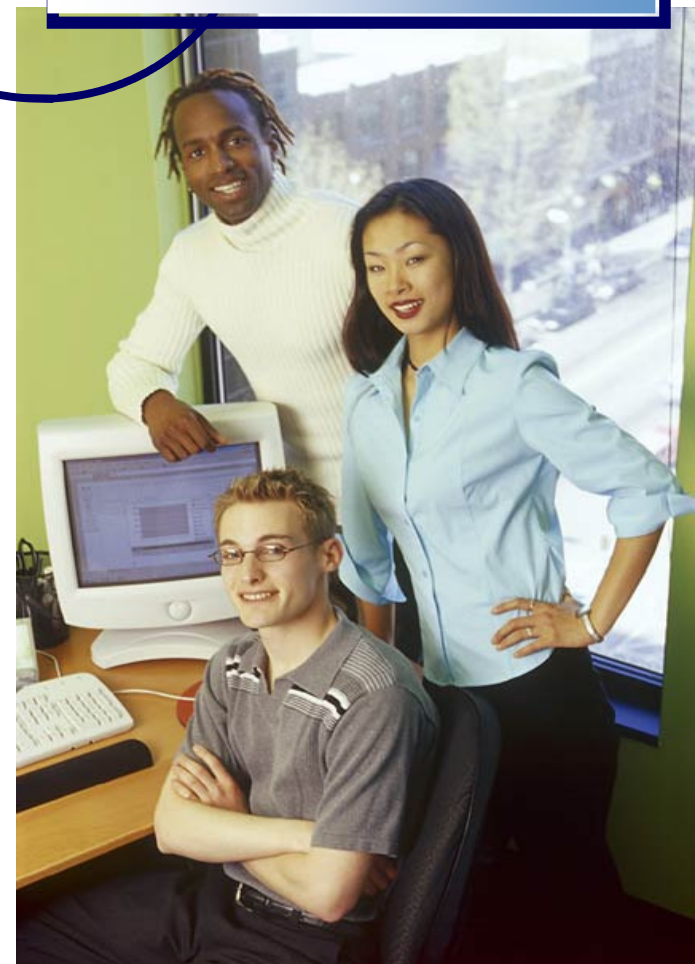
- Establish professional standards
- Attest to an individual's knowledge and skills
- Assist employers in identifying qualified practitioners
- Promote continued professional development
- Demonstrates your high level of commitment to the field of prevention
- Increased opportunities for career advancement and/or increased earnings



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A Guide for Obtaining a Certified Prevention Professional (CPP) Credential



STEPS TO GAINING AND RENEWING CERTIFICATION

1. Candidate Portfolio

Must be submitted at least 60 days prior to the scheduled testing date: This portfolio includes a completed Application Checklist, current criminal history background check, signed Code Of Ethical Conduct, certification fee of \$200 and an application form, documenting:

- 2,000 hours of verified alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) prevention experience
- Verification of at least 120 experiential hours in the five prevention domains (minimum 10 hours per domain):
 - Planning and Evaluation
 - Education and Skill Development
 - Community Organization
 - Public Policy and Environmental Change
 - Professional Growth and Responsibility
- Documentation of a minimum of 150 clock hours comprised of at least:
 - 14 hour ATOD education/training
 - 50 hours ATOD prevention education/training
 - 10 hours risk and protective factor education/training
 - 70 hours general prevention education/training
 - 6 hours prevention-specific ethics education/training

**Application materials
may be obtained from:
PSCBW Website
(see last page)**

2. Examination

The candidate must achieve a passing score on the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium written prevention examination, usually scheduled four times each year (March, June, September and December).

3. Notification

The PSCBW will notify all candidates about the outcome of their application. For those awarded a CPP, the credential remains in effect two years from the date of certification.

4. Renewal

Documentation of 40 continuing education units total to be earned in two years, to include 20 hours of general prevention and 20 hours of ATOD prevention.

Completion of current criminal history background check and renewal fee of \$75.

ABOUT THE PSCBW

The mission of the Prevention Specialist Certification Board of Washington (PSCBW) is to conduct certification of prevention professionals, to uphold ethical standards, and to promote professional development and growth.

PSCBW is a non-profit, peer-led board of volunteers affiliated with the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium.

