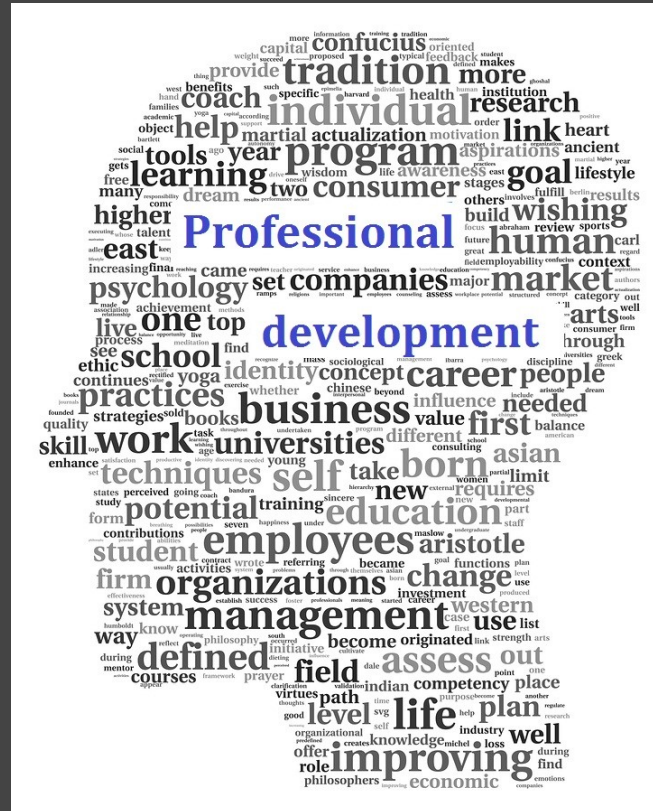


# Certification of Prevention Professionals



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## ***Vision***

- ❖ To ensure an exemplary, professional prevention workforce.

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## ***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)
- Tax-exempt organization under the IRS 501(c)(6) effective May 15, 2010

# *Type of Credential*

Internationally Certified Prevention Specialist (ICPS)

AKA

- Certified Prevention Specialist (CPS)
- Certified Prevention Professional (CPP)

# ***CPP/ICPS Certification***

Developed for substance abuse prevention professionals:

- Demonstrates mastery of the fundamental skills
- Applicable across all practice settings
- In general, voluntary credentialing in Washington State. Some employers require a CPP, such as the State of Washington's Health Care Authority, Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services.

# *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

# *Three Steps to Credentialing*



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

# *Step 1: Candidate Portfolio*

- a. 2,000 hours of prevention work experience of which a minimum of 50% must be ATOD Prevention. Also, 120 hours must be supervised experience in prevention domains
- b. Minimum of a high school diploma (or GED) and 120 hours of prevention specific education/ training
- c. Prevention-specific code of ethics
- d. Criminal history background check
- e. Application and testing fee paid (currently \$275) by credit/ debit card online at [www.pscbw.com](http://www.pscbw.com) or by check

## *a(i) Prevention Work Experience*

- 2,000 hours (paid or volunteer)
- Multiple sources and over multiple years
- See prevention domains
- 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

## *a(ii) Supervised Hours in Domains*

### Verification of 120 Supervised 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

*Minimum of 10 hours in each domain*

## ***b. Prevention Education/Training***

Minimum of 120 Total Hours in the following domains:

50% (60 hours) must be earned within the last ten years, with 40 of those 60 hours earned within the last two years:

- 24 hours *Drug Education*
- 6 hours *Prevention-specific Ethics*
- 45 hours *ATOD Prevention Education*
- 45 hours *General Prevention Education/ Training*



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

For instructions, application and current fee schedule, refer to the PSCBW website:

[www.pscbw.com](http://www.pscbw.com)

## *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/domain
- ✓ Test prep, see [www.pscbw.com](http://www.pscbw.com)

# *Computer-based Testing*



- PSCBW Testing Committee registers candidate for the exam with ISO-QUALITY Testing
- Candidate receives an email with instructions from the testing company including testing dates and locations (typically at colleges through the state)
- Candidate selects the date and location then registers for the exam

# ***CPP/ICPS Renewal Requirements***

- ❖ Renewed every two years if:
  - Renewal fees paid (currently \$100) by credit/ debit card online at [www.pscbw.com](http://www.pscbw.com) or by check
  - 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
- ✓ 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:

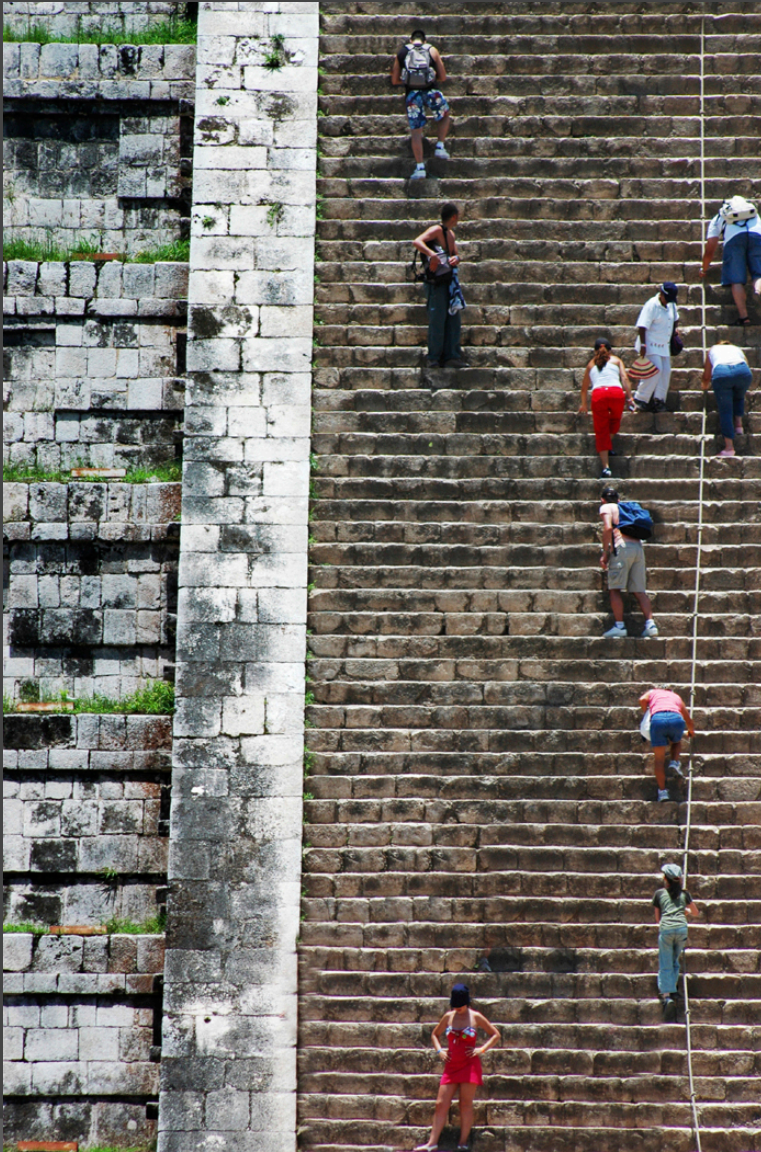
- Recertification Application
- Criminal History Background Check
- Signed Code of Prevention Ethics
- Application Fee Paid (currently \$175) by credit/ debit card online at [www.pscbw.com](http://www.pscbw.com) or by check

# *Moving into WA 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 paid (currently \$100) by credit/ debit card online at [www.pscbw.com](http://www.pscbw.com) or by check
- 500 hours of experience
- 70 hours of education/ training
  - *50% (35 hours) must be earned within the last ten years, and 50% (35 hours) earned within the last two years*
  - *35 hours Drug Education and/or ATOD Prevention Education*
  - *35 hours General Prevention/ Education*

# *For More Information*



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