

Certified Prevention Specialist (PS)

IC&RC defines the Prevention Profession as a specific aspect of development and performance dealing with prevention of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug (ATOD) abuse. A primary purpose of certification for prevention professionals is to ensure adequate knowledge and skill for quality client care.

- 1. Experience:** One (1) year or (2,000 hours) or more of supervised work experience providing substance abuse prevention services within the past three (3) years engaged working directly in the field of prevention; substance abuse, teen pregnancy, domestic violence, suicide, are examples of acceptable areas. Employer must complete the Employment Verification Form, for applicant. All experience must be documented.
- 2. Education:** The educational requirement is a total of 120 hours of prevention specific training. Twenty-four (24) hours of this training must be ATODA training. Education must be specifically related to the knowledge and skills necessary to perform the tasks, within each IC&RC prevention performance domains. Six hours of education must be in prevention ethics and responsibilities. *Only training hours documented/received in the past five (5) years, prior to the date of the date of submitting your application packet will be accepted; unless the classes were from a university or college; each college credit hours equals 15 CEU's.* Submit copies of the training certificates or unofficial college transcripts. In-service training must be documented and will be reviewed for approval by the Board. Submit copy of High School Diploma or equivalent or College Degree. All education must be documented.
- 3. Supervised Practical Training Summary:** One Hundred Twenty (120) supervised hours specific to the six (6) Prevention performance domains. The practicum must include a minimum of 10 hours in each core function. The training may occur as part of eligible work experience and may be completed under more than one supervisor or agency. All training hours must be documented. The six domains are: Planning and Evaluation; Prevention Education and Service Delivery; Communication; Community Organization; Public Policy & Environmental Change and Professional Growth and Responsibility.
- 4. Supervision:** The applicant's current supervisor is to complete the Evaluation checklist form as provided in this packet. The evaluation must be mailed directly to the Board.
- 5. Examination:** The applicant must successfully pass the IC&RC International Prevention examination.
- 6. Reference:** Submit three (3) letters of support evaluating character and competency of the applicant; one must be from a current supervisor; one must be from peer within in agency; and one must be from an outside agency, which endorses and attests to the professionalism of the applicant.
- 7. Code of Ethics:** The applicant must document 6 hours of prevention ethics training and provide a signed "Code of Ethics" and the "Statement of Understanding".
- 8. Fees:** The fees for application review and examination must accompany the application. Check on www.nmcbbhp.org for current fees. Additional fees will apply for non-approved CE providers. See approved providers on website.

Recertification: Forty (40) contact hours (CEU's) must be completed within the 2-year certification period; 6 (six) CE hours must be in Prevention Ethics, the remaining hours must be in general prevention and/or ATOD Prevention trainings. Continuing education hours accepted as 50% online courses and 25% trainer courses. Other requirements are listed on www.nmcbbhp.org.