



**New Mexico Credentialing Board for  
Behavioral Health Professionals**

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**SENIOR CERTIFIED PREVENTION SPECIALIST (SCPS)**

This SCPS credential has CPS reciprocity ONLY with IC&RC member states.

The SCPS credential is only available through the NMCCBHP.

***Prerequisite: Applicant must have current certification as a CPS at the reciprocal level for five (5) years prior to applying. (provide a copy of current certificate)***

1. **Experience:** While having a current, active, and in good standing CPS Certification; additional three (3) years or 6,000 hours of providing supervisory, administrative, leadership, or management work experience in the field of Substance Abuse Prevention. All experience must be documented. The program Director or employer must fill out the Employment Verification Form verifying dates and duties of employment for applicant.
2. **References:** Submit three (3) reference letters: (1) letter should be of support that includes evaluation of character and competency of the applicant with the recommendation of the applicant's certification, (1) letter from an outside agency or program, which endorses and attests to the professionalism of the applicant, and (1) letter from current supervisor that can attest to the leadership and skill level demonstrated as a CPS. These letters must be mailed directly to the Board.
3. **Code of Ethics:** The applicant must sign a code of ethics statement of affirmation that the applicant has read and will abide by the Certification Board Prevention "Code of Ethics." The applicant must agree to the jurisdiction of the Certification Board by signing the "Statement of Understanding" attached to the application.
4. **Fees:** Certification fee is \$140, no application review fee is required.
5. **Re-Certification:** The re-certification requirement is Forty-(40) hours of continuing education hours, which includes (six) 6 hours in Prevention Ethics and (six) 6 hours of Leadership, Management, or Supervisory Skills training related to the Behavioral Health Field must be earned every two years.