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**Requirements for certification of Ohio prevention specialists I (OCPS I).**

(A) To be certified as a prevention specialist I, an individual shall complete the following:

(1) Six thousand hours of documented work experience in alcohol and other drug prevention. A minimum of twenty percent of this time shall be devoted to planning and/or delivering alcohol and other drug prevention services. This work may include paid and volunteer hours.

(a) An associate's degree in a behavioral science from an accredited school or university may substitute for two thousand hours of work experience.

(b) A bachelor's/master's/doctorate degree in a behavioral science from an accredited school or university may substitute for four thousand hours of work experience.

(2) One hundred eighty hours of prevention related education of which fifty percent shall have been obtained within the last five years.

(a) The required content areas with the specific contact hours are as follows:

(i) Foundation in chemical dependency use/abuse/dependency (twenty hours)

(ii) Foundation in prevention of alcohol and other drug use/abuse/dependency (thirty-five hours)

(iii) Prevention-specific ethics education (six hours)

(iv) Domain I: Planning and evaluation (fifteen hours)

(v) Domain II: Education and skill development (twenty hours)

(vi) Domain III: Community organization (fifteen hours)

(vii) Domain IV: Public policy and environmental change (ten hours)

(viii) Domain V: Professional growth and responsibility (fifteen hours)

- (ix) The remaining hours may be distributed among these areas at the applicant's discretion.
- (3) One hundred and twenty practical experience hours. A minimum of ten hours shall be completed in each of the following performance domains:
- (a) Planning and evaluation
  - (b) Education and skill development
  - (c) Community organization
  - (d) Public policy and environmental change
  - (e) Professional growth and responsibility
  - (f) The remaining seventy hours may be completed in any domain as deemed appropriate by the applicant.
- (4) Submission of formal application.
- (5) Successful completion of the ~~ICRC/AODA~~ IC&RC prevention specialist (PS) written examination or computer based test (CBT).

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Certification

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