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**Requirements for certification of Ohio prevention specialist assistants (OCPSA).**

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

- (1) Submission of a formal application.
- (2) Be at least eighteen years of age.
- (3) Have at least a high school diploma or high school equivalence diploma.
- (4) At least one hundred hours of compensated or volunteer work, field placement, intern, or practicum experience in prevention services.
- (5) Have at least forty-five hours of prevention related education of which fifty percent shall have been obtained within the last two years and nine hours shall be alcohol and other drug prevention specific. The required content areas with the specific contact hours are as follows:
  - (a) Domain I: planning and evaluation (three hours)
  - (b) Domain II: prevention education and service delivery (three hours)
  - (c) Domain III: communication (three hours)
  - (d) Domain IV: community organization (three hours)
  - (e) Domain V: public policy and environmental change (three hours)
  - (f) Domain VI: professional growth and responsibility (fifteen hours)
    - (i) Prevention specific ethics education (three hours)
    - (ii) Cultural competency (three hours)
  - (g) The remaining hours may be distributed among these areas at the applicant's discretion.

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