

4758-5-08**Requirements for certification of Ohio prevention specialists 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 alcohol and other drug 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. The required content areas with the specific contact hours are as follows:
 - (a) Foundation in chemical dependency use/abuse/dependency (three hours)
 - (b) Foundation in prevention of alcohol and other drug use/abuse/dependency (six hours)
 - (c) Domain I: Planning and evaluation (three hours)
 - (d) Domain II: Education and skill development (three hours)
 - (e) Domain III: Community organization (three hours)
 - (f) Domain IV: Public policy and environmental change (three hours)
 - (g) Domain V: Professional growth and responsibility (six hours)
 - (i) Prevention specific ethics education (three hours)
 - (ii) Cultural competency (three hours)
 - (h) The remaining hours may be distributed among these areas at the applicant's discretion.

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