

4758-5-08**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 and organizational policy (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) Completion of preceptorship as outlined in rule 4758-5-07 of the Administrative Code.

(4) Submission of formal application.

(5) Successful completion of the ICRC/AODA prevention written examination.

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