

4758-5-08**Requirements for certification of Ohio prevention specialists I (OCPS I).**

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

(1) Three years of documented work experience in alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention which is the equivalent of six thousand hours. A minimum of twenty percent of this time must be devoted to planning and/or delivering alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention services. This work can include paid and volunteer hours.

(a) An associate's degree in a behavioral science may substitute for one year of work experience.

(b) A bachelor's/master's/doctorate degree in a behavioral science may substitute for two years of work experience.

(2) One hundred eighty hours of prevention related education in which fifty percent has 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, tobacco and other drug use/abuse/dependency (thirty-five hours)

(iii) 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) Submission of formal application.

(4) Completion of preceptorship as outlined in rule 4758-5-07 of the Administrative Code.

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

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