

**The Prevention Specialist
Certification Board of Washington**

PSCBW's Mission

- ❖ Certify prevention professionals
- ❖ Uphold ethical standards
- ❖ Promote professional development and growth

PSCBW Structure

- ❖ Non-Profit, Peer-led Volunteer Board
- ❖ Affiliated with the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC)
- ❖ Professionals from a Wide Variety of Backgrounds

Credentialing – What is it?

Credentialing assures that a person with the CPP designation has:

- ❖ Completed a peer review process of their candidate portfolio and
- ❖ Successfully passed the Prevention Specialist Examination

**Certified Prevention Professional
(CPP)**

This certification has been developed for substance abuse prevention professionals.

- ✓ Demonstrates mastery of the fundamental skills
- ✓ Applicable across all practice settings
- ✓ Voluntary credentialing in Washington State

Benefits of Certification

- ✓ Establishes professional standards
- ✓ Attests to individual's knowledge and skills
- ✓ Assists employers in identifying qualified practitioners
- ✓ Sense of pride and accomplishment
- ✓ Promotes continued professional development

CPP Core Competencies

- ❖ Five Prevention Domains
 - ✓ Planning and Evaluation
 - ✓ Education and Skill Development
 - ✓ Community Organization
 - ✓ Public and Organizational Policy
 - ✓ Professional Growth and Responsibility

Prevention Education Prereqs

- ✓ 14 hour ATOD education/training
- ✓ 50 hours ATOD prevention education/training
- ✓ 6 hours prevention-specific ethics education/training
- ✓ 10 hours risk and protective factor education/training
- ✓ 70 hours general prevention education/training

CPP Eligibility Requirements

Completion of a peer review process of qualifications (Candidate Portfolio) that includes:

- ✓ 2,000 hours of ATOD prevention work experience
- ✓ 150 hours of prevention specific education.
- ✓ Verification of 120 hours supervised experience in the IC&RC prevention domains with a minimum of ten hours in each domain.
- ✓ Signed a prevention specific code of ethics statement
- ✓ Current criminal history background check

AND

Successfully passed the IC&RC International written Prevention Specialist Examination.

The CPP Examination

- ✓ Competency-based
- ✓ Pencil and paper exam
- ✓ 150 multiple choice questions
- ✓ Identifies each area of responsibility
- ✓ Study Guide available

CPP Exam Schedule

Exam dates are scheduled four times per year in the months of:

March
June
September
December

Apply for CPP Certification

A completed application must be postmarked or hand delivered on or before the application deadline, as listed in the following table, to be reviewed and considered for the soonest requested test date.

Application Deadline	Test Date
December 10, 2008	March 13, 2009 (Friday)
March 11, 2009	June 13, 2009 (Saturday)
June 10, 2009	September 11, 2009 (Friday)
September 9, 2009	December 12, 2009 (Saturday)

At the time of application submission, candidate must also include a non-refundable application and examination fee of \$200.

CPP Certification and Renewal Requirements

- ❖ Successful Candidate Portfolio
- ❖ Pass written examination

- ❖ Renewed every two years if
 - ✓ Renewal fees paid
 - ✓ 40 hours of continuing education completed
 - ✓ Criminal History Background check provided

CPP Continuing Education

40 Continuing Education Units are required every two years:

- ✓ 20 hours ATOD prevention education
- ✓ 20 hours general prevention education

CPP Continuing Education Opportunities

- ✓ Conferences, Workshops and Seminars
- ✓ Proctoring Examinations
- ✓ Academic Preparation
- ✓ Professional Presentations
- ✓ Professional Service

PSCBW's Future Goals & Objectives

- ✓ Enhance professional development through expanding continuing education
- ✓ Move toward a greater market presence
- ✓ Raise awareness among employers to encourage hiring and advancing CPP's

For More Information

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