



Pacific Southwest PTTC (HHS Region 9) Certified Prevention Specialist Certification Requirements by State

This chart outlines the requirements for Certified Prevention Specialist (CPS) Certification in the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada and the Pacific Jurisdictions.

REQUIREMENTS BY STATE/JURISDICTION

State	Arizona	California	Hawaii	Nevada	Pacific Jurisdictions
Cert Board	AZ Board for Certification of Addiction Counselors (ABCAC) Website: https://abcac.org/services/	California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals (CCAP) Website: https://www.ccapp.us/	HI Department of Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD) Website: https://health.hawaii.gov/substance-abuse/counselor-certification/	Nevada Certification Board (NCB) Website: https://nevadacertboard.org/	Pacific Behavioral Health Council & Certification Board Website: https://pacificislandspca.org/about/



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Degree(s) Required		H.S. Diploma	H.S. Diploma	H.S. Diploma	
Prevention Ed Hours	120 hours of supervised experience in the six performance domains: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning and evaluation 2. Prevention education and service delivery 3. Communication 4. Community organization 5. Public policy and environmental change 6. Professional growth and responsibility 	120 hours approved prevention education and/or training (50 hours AOD specific and six hours of prevention specific ethics education) 120 hour practicum (specific performance domains)	120 hours of prevention specific education. 50 hours of this education must be alcohol, tobacco, and other drug specific. 6 hours must be specific to prevention ethics.	120 hours specific to the domains, completed within the past five years. 24 hours must be ATOD specific. 6 hours must be in prevention ethics and must have been completed within the past two years.	120 hours of supervised experience in the six performance domains, with a minimum of 10 hours in each domain: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning and evaluation 2. Prevention education and service delivery 3. Communication 4. Community organization



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	<p>24 hours of the 120 hours must be specific to Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs (ATOD) use and abuse.</p> <p>Must have 6 hours of prevention ethics and 4 hours of HIV/AIDS education.</p> <p>There must be a minimum of 10 hours in each of the six domains.</p>				<p>5. Public policy and environmental change</p> <p>6. Professional growth and responsibility</p> <p>A minimum of one hundred (100) contact hours of ATOD education. 50 hours must be prevention specific.</p> <p>50 hours must be relevant to the field of addiction.</p> <p>Six (6) hours of prevention ethics education, and four (4) hours of HIV/AIDS education.</p>
Work Experience	2,000 hours of work experience specific to Prevention.	One year (2,000 hours) of AOD	2,000 hours of preceptor-supervised alcohol, tobacco and other	2,000 hours of prevention work experience	Two (2) years full-time experience in the ATOD specialty



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	<p>Verification of 120 hours specific to the six performance domains listed above.</p> <p>Applicants must live and/or work at least 51% of the time in the jurisdiction of the AZ Board for Certification of Addiction Counselors (ABCAC) at the time of application.</p>	<p>prevention experience.</p>	<p>drug prevention work experience. Preceptor feedback on two examples of the applicant's work.</p> <p>Included in the 2000 hours of work experience, 120 hours of preceptor supervision specific to the International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC) prevention domains with a minimum of ten hours of preceptor supervision in each domain (Planning & Evaluation; Education & Skill Development; Community Organization; Public Policy &</p>	<p>specific to the PS domains, within the past seven years. The domains are:</p> <p>Planning and Evaluation; Prevention Education and Service Delivery; Communication; Community Organization; Public Policy and Environmental Change; Professional Growth and Responsibility</p>	<p>field, or one (1) year if applicant has a bachelor degree or higher in a human service field.</p> <p>Experience consists of verification of 4,000 hours equals two years or 2,000 hours equals one year of prevention specific performance related to ATOD</p>



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			Environmental Change; and Professional Growth & Responsibility)	Supervision: 120 hours specific to the domains with a minimum of ten hours in each domain within the past seven years.	
Verification Letter or Letter of Reference	Not Required	Required	N/A	Not Required	Not Required
Signed Code of Ethics	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Exam	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required



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Fees	<p>Application Manual and Process Fee: \$150 (Non-refundable)</p> <p>Exam Fee: \$225</p> <p>Retest Fee: \$225</p>	<p>\$164 member/\$240 non-member</p>	<p>\$25 (Application)/\$115 (Exam)</p>	<p>\$255 or \$250 if paid by check (inclusive of the \$125 examination fee)</p>	<p>\$200 Exam Fee</p>
Re-Certification Continuing Education	<p>40 hours of continuing education related to prevention obtained during the two-year certification period.</p> <p>20 of the 40 hours must be related to the performance domains.</p> <p>20 hours of related in-service training is acceptable.</p> <p>3 hours of prevention ethics education must be included in the 40 hours.</p> <p>3 hours of cultural diversity education</p>	<p>40 hours of professional development and continuing education hours as noted below:</p> <p>20 hours of professional development.</p> <p>20 hours of continuing education with 6 in Ethics and 6 in HIV education.</p>	<p>40 hours of continuing education earned every 2 years including 6 hours of prevention ethics.</p>	<p>40 hours of continuing education earned every two years, specific to the domains and including six (6) hours of prevention ethics.</p>	<p>40 approved hours of continuing education that must be obtained during the two-year certification period.</p> <p>A maximum of 20 hours of related in-service training is acceptable.</p> <p>3 hours of prevention specific ethics education AND 3 hours of HIV/AIDS education must be included in the 40 hours.</p>



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Re-Certification Fees	\$150	Member: \$175 Non-Member: \$645	\$25	\$100	\$85 (waived for Palau, FSM, and Marshall Islands).

