Pathways to Prevention Certification

A COMMUNITY APPROACH

Everyone has a role in prevention. Prevention is multi-faceted and comprehensive. Becoming certified in prevention has many benefits:

- Be identified as a prevention professional
- Trained in prevention science
- Knowledge of effective prevention strategies
- Ability to apply for additional funding sources
- Network with other prevention professionals
- Keep up to date with current prevention practices
- Makes you more marketable

Community Members who can provide prevention services:

- **Social Worker** - Provide prevention services across the lifespan.
- **Government** - Work toward environmental strategies and policy change.
- **Human Resources** - Creating and implementing drug free workplace policies.
- **Guidance Counselor –** Provide prevention education to students in a classroom setting; problem identification and referral.
- **School Resource Officer / Law Enforcement** - Provide prevention education in school settings
- **Youth Workers** - Provide asset development, PAX Tools, and protective factors. Also, lead drug free clubs.
- **Health Educator** - Provide alcohol, tobacco, and other drug, suicide, and gambling prevention programs.
- **Registered Nurse** - Provide Prevention Services as part of scope of practice.
- **Family and Children First Council** - Provide asset development to families involved in services.
- **Psychologist** - Provide individual prevention services with clients such coping skills.
- **Faith-based Personnel** – Provide prevention across the lifespan.

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Licensures that can automatically provide and supervise prevention services:

- Registered Nurse
- Certified Nurse Practitioner
- Clinical Nurse
- Medical Doctor
- Psychologist
- Professional Clinical Counselor
- Social Worker
- School Counselor
- Certified Health Education Specialist

TYPES OF CREDENTIALING:

Type	Registered Applicant	Ohio Certified Prevention Specialist Assistant (OCPSA)	Ohio Certified Prevention Specialist (OCPS)	Ohio Certified Prevention Consultant (OCPC)
Degree needed	High school diploma/GED	High school diploma/GED	Associates degree or higher	Bachelor's degree or higher
Work Experience	0 hours	100 hours	2000 hours (120 in specific areas)	6000 hours (4000 must be administering or supervising services)
Prevention Education	0 hours	45 hours	120 hours	120 hours + 90 hours of administrative or supervisory education
Must be supervised by	OCPS or OCPC, MD/DO, LPC, RN, CNP, LISW, MFT, LSC, CHES	OCPS or OCPC, MD/DO, LPC, RN, CNP, LISW, MFT, LSC, CHES	OCPS or OCPC, RN, CNP, LISW, CHES	Does not have to be supervised by anyone
ICRC exam	N/A	N/A	Successful passing of ICRC exam	Successful passing of ICRC exam
Scope of Practice	• Information Dissemination • Prevention Education • Alternatives • Problem Identification and Referral • Community Based Processes • Environmental Strategies • Planning and Evaluation • Education and Service Delivery • Communication • Community Organization • Public Policy and Environmental Change • Professional Growth and Responsibility	• Information Dissemination • Prevention Education • Alternatives • Problem Identification and Referral • Community Based Processes • Environmental Strategies • Planning and Evaluation • Education and Service Delivery • Communication • Community Organization • Public Policy and Environmental Change • Professional Growth and Responsibility	• Information Dissemination • Prevention Education • Alternatives • Problem Identification and Referral • Community Based Processes • Environmental Strategies • Education and Service Delivery • Communication • Public Policy and Environmental Change • Professional Growth and Responsibility • Planning and Evaluation (Only under supervision) • Community Organization (Only under supervision) • Manage Prevention Programs (Only under supervision) • Supervise Volunteers and Prevention Professionals including Registered Applicants (RA), Ohio Certified Prevention Specialists Assistants (OCPSA), and Ohio Certified Prevention Specialists (OCPC)	• Information Dissemination • Prevention Education • Alternatives • Problem Identification and Referral • Community Based Processes • Environmental Strategies • Planning and Evaluation • Education and Service Delivery • Communication • Community Organization • Public Policy and Environmental Change • Professional Growth and Responsibility • Manage Prevention Programs • Supervise Prevention Professionals • Conduct Consultation • Can practice independently