



## Certified Clinical Anxiety Treatment Professional (CCATP) Certification Standards

### 1.0 Professional Standards

1.1 State or Nationally licensed as listed below AND completed at least a master's degree in the field they are licensed in (or equivalent if practicing outside of the United States):

- Psychologist (LP or LCP)
- Counselor
  - LCMHC
  - LCP
  - LCPC
  - LMHC
  - LPC
  - LPCC
  - LPCMH
- Social Worker
  - LCSW
  - LCSW-C
  - LGSW
  - LICSW
  - LISW
  - LISW-CP
  - LMSW
  - LMSW-ACP
  - LSCSW
  - LSW (must evidence MSW completion)
- Marriage and Family Therapist
  - LCMFT
  - LIMFT
  - LMFT
- Addictions Counselor (LCAS)
- Alcohol and Drug Counselor
  - LADAC
  - LADC
  - LCADC
- Chemical Dependency/Substance Abuse
  - LCDC
  - LCDP
  - LCSTP
- ANCC Board-Certified Psychiatric Nurse
- Advanced Practice Nurse (APN)
- Nurse Practitioner (NP)
- Physician's Assistant (PA)
- Physician (MD)
- Psychoanalyst (LP)
- Board Certified Behavioral Analyst

To be eligible for Certification, the applicant must have earned a minimum of a master's degree in their profession AND hold a professional license as noted above. Associate and temporary/provisional licenses do not meet the standards for Certification.

Canadian Applicants: Licensed professionals who have met the licensure requirements for Provincial and Territorial Regulatory Bodies are welcome to apply. If you are unsure if your professional background meets the standards for Certification, please email a copy of your educational background and CV to [info@icatp.com](mailto:info@icatp.com)

1.2 The applicant in must:

- Be in good standing with the State or National Board or Organization that licenses him/her, including not being on probationary status for any reason.
- Not have been ethically or professionally denied application to or renewal of his/her professional membership in local, state or national associations to which he/she is qualified within the past 5 years.
- Not have had his/her professional or medical privileges restricted, revoked, or revised in any formal institutional setting (e.g., hospital, clinic or other clinical setting) based upon professional malpractice within the last 5 years.

### 2.0 Educational Standards

2.1 The candidate must meet the following education criteria (total minimum of 12 clock hours at a post-graduate level):

- DSM-5™ Classification of Anxiety Disorders

- Differential diagnosis (i.e. OCD, Panic Disorder, General Anxiety Disorder) and diagnostic rule-outs (health related for example)
- Co-occurrence of depression
- Assessment of **Physical Symptoms of different types of anxiety**
- When to refer for medication consultation with a prescriber
- **Psychoeducation on the physiological basis of anxiety to include:** physiological responses (fight/flight/freeze) and neuroscience of anxiety (amygdala and cortex contributions and interactions)
- Teaching the client **Cognitive Skills Sets** that address a) disrupting rumination, b) negative and catastrophic thinking, c) cognitive errors and erroneous beliefs, d) perfectionism and related procrastination, e) changing self-talk, and f) managing worry
- Treating the **Behavioral** attributes of the anxious client that address a) avoidance and its impact on anxiety, b) reassurance seeking, c) create successful exposure experiences, d) memory reconsolidation, and f) motivation to change

2.2 Examples of Educational sources include but are not limited to:

- Post-Graduate level coursework from an accredited college or university as documented by a copy of the course syllabus and a transcript showing completion of the course
- Approved Continuing Education as documented by certificates of completion from training organization

### 3.0 Certification Client Work and Consolation Attestation

The candidate must attest that, over the course of their career, he/she has conducted a minimum of 200 clinical mental health contact hours with Anxiety-diagnosed clients, with the use of weekly consultation and/or supervision.

### 4.0 Required Documentation for Certification Eligibility

1. A copy of the candidate's license
2. Copies of completion of training as outline in the Educational Standards
3. A signed application form with attestation that the candidate has met all the requirements as detailed herein
4. Payment of certification application fee

ICATP will certify candidates who meet the above requirements.

*Please note: Certification does not imply endorsement of clinical competency. As a licensed professional, you are responsible for reviewing the scope of practice, including activities that are defined in law as beyond the boundaries of practice in accordance with and in compliance with your profession's standards.*

### 5.0 Required Documentation for Renewal of Certification

To maintain Certification, a reapplication is required. The steps to re-apply for a 1-year reapplication are as follows:

1. Submit, via email, a copy of your professional licensure as well as a completion certificate for six (6) clock hours of post-graduate level, anxiety treatment-focused training to [info@icatp.com](mailto:info@icatp.com)
2. Payment of re-certification application fee

You can also apply for reapplication for 2 or 3 years. Follow the process above, submitting twelve (12) clock hours of training for a 2-year reapplication, and eighteen (18) clock hours of training for a 3-year application. Re-certification training hours need to have been taken in the time since you were last certified or recertified.