



## **Certified Compassion Fatigue Professional (CCFP) Certification Standards**

### **1.0 Professional Standards**

1.1 Certified Compassion Fatigue Professional (CCFP) Certification is designed for licensed or credentialed professionals who have a minimum of a bachelor's degree and work in an education, healthcare, or clinical setting. Professionals who qualify for CCFP Certification include:

- Education Professionals
- Mental Health Professionals
- Allied Health Professionals, including:
  - Acupuncturist
  - Athletic Trainer (must be BOC certified)
  - Certified Nutrition Specialist
  - Chiropractor
  - Dietitian
  - Exercise Physiologist
  - Kinesiotherapist
  - Massage Therapist (must be an LMT or BCTMB certified)
  - Occupational Therapist
  - Occupational Therapy Assistant
  - Physical Therapist
  - Physical Therapist Assistant
  - Respiratory Therapist
  - Speech Language Pathologist
  - Speech Language Pathologist Assistant
- Healthcare Professionals, including:
  - Certified Nurse Aide (CNA)
  - Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
  - Medical Assistant
  - Naturopathic Doctor (ND)
  - Nurse Practitioner (NP)
  - Paramedic
  - Physician (MD or DO)
  - Physician Assistant (PA)
  - Registered Nurse (RN)
- Veterinarian Professionals, including:
  - Veterinarian
  - Veterinary Technician
  - Veterinary Assistant
  - Veterinary Practice Manager (must hold CVPM credential)
- Case Managers
- Ordained Clergy (must have graduated from a CHEA or ATS accredited program)
- A graduate student in a clinical mental health program who is practicing under clinical supervision

- Criminal Justice Professionals

Health coaches: A Health Coach designation on its own does not meet the standards for certification.

1.2 By applying for certification, the applicant agrees to adhere to [Evergreen Certifications' Professional Code of Ethics](#)

## **2.0 Educational Standards**

2.1 The applicant must complete the following education criteria (total minimum of six (6) hours of continuing education):

- Principles of compassion fatigue and resiliency practices
- A comprehensive knowledge of compassion fatigue by discovering the causes, symptoms/effects, treatments and resiliency strategies
- A working understanding of neuro-physiology of compassion fatigue and the role that the autonomic nervous system plays in creating, exacerbating and maintaining the negative effects from our work
- Skills to self-regulate your autonomic nervous system

2.2 Suitable education sources are approved continuing education as documented by certificates of completion from the accredited training organization.

Evergreen Certifications will accept courses that have been completed within 3 years of initial application for certification.

## **3.0 Certification Application Process**

1. Submit the following documents:
  - a. A copy of the applicant's professional license or certification
  - b. Copies of completion of training as outline in the educational standards
2. Payment of certification application fee

Evergreen Certifications will certify applicants who meet the above requirements.

*Please note: Certification does not imply endorsement of clinical competency. As a 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.*

## **4.0 Renewal of Certification**

To maintain certification, a renewal is required. The steps to apply for a 1-year renewal are as follows:

1. Submit the following documents:
  - a. A copy of your professional license as well as a completion certificate for six (6) clock hours of self-regulation, mindfulness and/or meditation-focused continuing education or professional development
2. Payment of renewal application fee

You can also apply for renewal for 2 or 3 years. Follow the process above, submitting twelve (12) clock hours of training for a 2-year renewal, and eighteen (18) clock hours of training for a 3-year renewal.

Renewal training hours need to have been taken in the time since you were certified or last renewed. Renewals are calculated from the date that your certification was issued.

*If you allow your certification to lapse for more than 3 years, you are no longer eligible to renew your certification and instead can reapply for certification.*