Certified Clinical Trauma Professional (CCTP) Certification Standards

1.0 Professional Standards
1.1 State or Nationally licensed professionals as listed below AND completed all training hours and supervision requirements to be licensed for independent practice in the state 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
  - LICSW
  - LISW
  - LISW-CP
  - LMSW if licensed in Michigan or Nebraska
- Addictions Counselor (LCAS)
- Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LCADC or LADAC)
- Chemical Dependency/Substance Abuse Counselor (LCDP or LCSTP)
- Advanced Practice Nurse (APN)
- Nurse Practitioner (NP)
- Physician’s Assistant (PA)
- Physician (MD)
- Psychoanalyst (LP)
- Board Certified Behavioral Analyst
- LMSW-ACP
- LSCSW
- LCMFT
- LIMFT
- LMFT

Don’t see your profession listed here or are a graduate student in a clinical mental health program? You may qualify for Certification as a Certified Trauma Professional! Click here to learn more.

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 us a copy of your educational background and CV to info@evergreencertifications.com

International Applicants: Please check for a link to standards specific to your country of practice. If no link is available, please email us a copy of your educational background and CV to info@evergreencertifications.com

Applicants prior to May 1, 2020: If your application for Certified Clinical Trauma Professional (CCTP) was approved on or before April 30, 2020 AND you hold a professional license, your status as a CCTP is grandfathered. You can renew under the standards that were in place at the time of your Certification. If you were initially granted CCTP status as a Graduate Student and have not obtained your license by the time your renewal is due, your Certification will simply be transferred to the CTP (Certified Trauma Professional) designation at the time of renewal.

1.2 By applying for Certification, the applicant agrees to adhere to Evergreen Certifications’ Professional Code of Ethics, available at www.evergreencertifications.com/codeofethics
2.0 Educational Standards

2.1 The candidate must meet the following education criteria (total minimum of 12 clock hours of professional development or continuing education):

- DSM-5 Classification of Trauma & Stressor-related disorder
- Developmental trauma; attachment-related trauma
- Assessment of psychological trauma including Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Complex Trauma
- Assessment tools & scales
- Symptoms of trauma; comorbidities
- Phases of treatment (safety, stabilization, processing and re-integration)
- An overview of various treatment modalities with a review of the evidence base for each.
- Current literature and research on the latest treatment modalities

2.2 Suitable education sources are approved continuing education or professional development 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 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. Payment of certification application fee

Evergreen Certifications 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.*

4.0 Required Documentation for Renewal of Certification

To maintain Certification, a reapplication is required. The steps to 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 trauma-focused continuing education or professional development training to info@evergreencertifications.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. 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.*