



Certified Stroke Rehabilitation Professional (CSRP) Certification Standards

1.0 Professional Standards

1.1 To be eligible for certification, the applicant must be a state or nationally licensed professional as listed below (or equivalent if practicing outside of the United States):

- Physical Therapist
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Occupational Therapist
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Speech Language Pathologist
- Audiologist
- Chiropractor
- Medical Massage Therapist (must be NBCA certified)
- Registered Nurse
- Nurse Practitioner
- Physician Assistant/Associate
- Physician

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 18 hours of continuing education):

Assessment – utilize appropriate evaluations for balance, gait, strength, mobility, dysphagia, upper and lower extremity motor control, sensation, rehabilitation potential, cognitive function, occupational tasks/ADLs, visual cuts/deficits, basic awareness of functional scans, and identify symptoms of depression

Treatment – incorporate multiple treatment approaches for:

Cognitive Rehabilitation - attention, memory, visuospatial, language, neuroplasticity, executive function, use of adaptive equipment and assistive technology

Functional Mobility - spasticity vs. tone, promoting and facilitating upper and lower extremity function, motor coordination, sensory recovery, occupational tasks, ADLs, use of durable medical equipment

Dynamic Balance - gait, balance, postural control, stability, dual tasking, hearing, spatial awareness

Communication – strategies to facilitate communication, understand potential impairments (including aphasia and apraxia)

Education and advocacy – supporting patient recovery through lifestyle factors (such as home exercise, healthy diet, controlling diabetes, encouraging smoking cessation), direct education to family/staff/caregivers, transfers, advocacy with payer, and community reach out

Medical Management – strategies for managing hyperlipidemia and hypertension and basic understanding of pharmacotherapy

Prognosis – determine treatment timeline, measurable goals for recovery, coordination of care and appropriate referrals to other members of the healthcare team when indicated

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 2 years of initial application for certification.

3.0 Certification Application Process

1. Upload the following documents:
 - a. A copy of the applicant's professional license
 - b. Copies of completion of training as outlined 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 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 Renewal of Certification

To maintain certification, a renewal is required after your initial 2-year certification. The steps to apply for a 2-year renewal are as follows:

1. Upload the following documents:
 - a. A copy of your professional license
 - b. Completion certificate for twelve (12) clock hours of continuing education related to stroke rehabilitation
2. Remit renewal fee

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 2 years from your certification end date, you are no longer eligible to renew and instead can reapply for certification.