



## **Certified Telehealth Provider – Allied Health (CTH-AH) Certification Standards**

### **1.0 Professional Standards**

1.1 State or Nationally licensed as listed below AND completed all training hours and supervision requirements to be licensed for independent practice in the state they licensed in (or equivalent if practicing outside of the United States):

- Occupational Therapist
- Occupational Therapy Assistant (except if licensed only in Indiana)
- Physical Therapist
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Athletic Trainer (must be BOC certified)
- Speech Language Pathologist
- Speech Language Pathology Assistant

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@evergreencertifications.com](mailto: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](mailto:info@evergreencertifications.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 Post-Graduate Level Training Standards**

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

- Benefits, risks and dependency issues of using telehealth and the internet in general
- Current research around the evidence for and pitfalls of telehealth
- Legal and ethical issues
  - Knowledge and review of your Code of Ethics and scope of practice
  - Knowledge of your state's professional regulations and how to find resources
  - Legal implications of practicing across state lines
  - Client privacy and data security considerations
  - HIPAA compliance
  - Insurance reimbursement considerations
- The practice of clinical telehealth
  - Adapting evaluation and assessment strategies to telehealth
    - Best practices for effective documentation
  - Adapting therapy techniques/exercises to telehealth

- Screening for suitability for your client
- Delivery methods and platforms
  - Synchronous vs. Asynchronous format
- Technology competence for the clinician
- Telehealth as a business

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

- Approved Continuing Education as documented by certificates of completion from training organization
- 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. Graduate-level courses (i.e. courses taken as part of a master’s degree program) do not qualify. Doctoral-level courses (i.e. courses taken as part of a doctoral degree program) qualify, and are awarded CEU hours based on the number of university-granted credits.

### 3.0 Required Documentation for Certification Eligibility

1. A copy of the applicant’s professional license
2. Copies of completion of training as outlined in the Training Standards
3. Payment of certification application fee

Evergreen Certifications, LLC 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 re-apply for a 1-year reapplication are as follows:

1. Submit, via email, to [info@evergreencertifications.com](mailto:info@evergreencertifications.com)
  - a. A copy of your professional licensure
  - b. Completion certificate for four (4) clock hours of post-graduate level training in any of the following topics:
    - i. Telehealth
    - ii. Law and Ethics
    - iii. HIPAA compliance
2. Payment of re-certification application fee

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 1 year, you are no longer eligible to renew your Certification and instead can reapply for Certification.