



Certified Youth Mental Health Specialist (CYMHS) Certification Standards

1.0 Professional Standards

1.1 State or Nationally licensed professionals who work with youth in an educational or clinical setting at least 20 hours per week are eligible for Certification. Professionals included are as listed below (or equivalent if practicing outside of the United States):

- Educator
- Special Educator
- Principal
- Assistant Principal
- Superintendent
- Occupational Therapist (OT)
- Speech Language Pathologist (SLP)
- School Nurse (RN)
- School Psychologist
- School Counselor
- School Social Worker
- 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
 - LMSW-ACP
 - LSCSW
- Marriage and Family Therapist
 - LCMFT
 - LIMFT
 - LMFT
- Addictions Counselor (LCAS)
- Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LCADC or LADAC)
- Chemical Dependency/Substance Abuse Counselor (LCDP or LCSTP)
- Psychoanalyst (LP)
- Board Certified Behavioral Analyst

Canadian Applicants: Licensed professionals who have met the requirements of Provincial and Territorial Regulatory Bodies are welcome to apply. If you are unsure whether 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

1.2 The applicant must:

- Be in good standing with the State Board 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, school or other setting) based upon professional malpractice within the last 5 years.

2.0 Educational Standards

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

Youth mental health

- Trauma and attachment
 - Neurological effects of trauma exposure
 - Observable signs and symptoms of trauma and traumatic stress in students
 - Behavioral manifestations of trauma and traumatic stress in students
 - Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) scores meaning and their impact
 - The impact trauma and attachment has on children's relationships with adults
 - Interventions for adults to build trust-based relationships with children
- Anxiety disorders
 - Sources of anxiety and DSM-5 classification of disorders
 - Self-management skills for stress and anxiety regulation
 - Medications
 - Coping skills for youth
- Managing challenging behaviors and extreme emotions
- Executive Function skills and strategies
- Suicide and self-harm
- Electronic addiction

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- Integrating student mental health into virtual and/or physical classrooms
 - Assessing for level of knowledge and catch up plans
 - The impact of routine disruption on mental health
 - Medication non-compliance while away from the classroom
 - Individual interventions for students struggling the most
 - Connecting students and parents/caregivers with outside resources for counselling and support
- Virtual classroom strategies
 - Student engagement strategies
 - Assessing symptoms of mental health challenges and providing support virtually

Provider self-care and support

2.2 Examples of suitable education 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 Required Documentation for Certification Eligibility

1. A copy of the applicant's professional license
2. Copies of completion of training as outlined in the Educational Standards
3. 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 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 license and/or employment status as well as a completion certificate for six (6) clock hours of post-graduate level, youth mental health-focused 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.