



Certified Autism-Informed Professional (ASDI) Certification Standards

1.0 Professional Standards

1.1 Certified Autism-Informed Professional (ASDI) Certification is designed for licensed or credentialed professionals who hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree and work with clients who have Autism Spectrum Disorder in an educational, healthcare, or clinical setting. Professionals who qualify for ASDI 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 (LMT or BCTMB)
 - Occupational Therapy Assistant
 - Physical Therapist
 - Physical Therapist Assistant
 - Respiratory Therapist
 - Speech Language Pathologist Assistant
- Healthcare Professionals, including:
 - Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
 - Naturopathic Doctor (ND)
 - Paramedic
- 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

Do you hold a master's degree and professional license? You may qualify for advanced certification as a **Certified Autism Spectrum Disorder Clinical Specialist!** [Click here](#) to learn more.

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 candidate must meet the following education criteria (total minimum of 6 hours of continuing education):

Core Autism Spectrum Disorder Educational Areas:

Diagnosis – understand symptoms, characteristics, co-morbidities, and diagnostic process

Behavior – understand both function and context of behavior, including neurodevelopment and sensory processing; strategies to de-escalate meltdowns

Communication – understand behavior is communication and strategies to communicate with individuals diagnosed with ASD

Social Skills – understand how deficits in social skills impact the daily life of individuals diagnosed with ASD

Environment – strategies to adapt physical environment

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

3.0 Certification Application Process

1. Submit the following documentation:
 - a. Copies of completion of training as outlined in the Educational Standards
 - b. Documentation of professional status in the form of one of the following:
 - i. Licensed professional - copy of your professional license or designation
 - ii. Graduate student – copy of your unofficial transcript
2. 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 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 documentation:
 - a. Documentation of professional status in the form of one of the following:
 - i. Licensed professional - copy of your professional license or designation
 - ii. Graduate student – copy of your unofficial transcript
 - b. Completion certificate for four (4) clock hours of continuing education related to Autism Spectrum Disorder
2. Payment of renewal application 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 1 year from your certification end date, you are no longer eligible to renew your certification and instead can reapply for certification.