



Certified Addictions-Informed Mental Health Professional (CAIMHP) 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
- 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)
- Advanced Practice Nurse (APN)
- Nurse Practitioner (NP)
- Physician's Assistant (PA)
- Physician (MD)
- Psychiatrist (MD)
- Psychoanalyst (LP)
- Board Certified Behavioral Analyst

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

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 continuing education or professional development training):

- Biopsychosocial aspects of substance use disorders to include: genetics/biology, personality/psychology, attachment, trauma, social, and environment
 - The neurobiology of addiction
 - The substances and classification to include:
 - i. Alcohol & other depressants
 - ii. Stimulants
 - iii. Opioids

- iv. Cannabinoids
- v. “Psychedelic” chemicals
- vi. Inhalants
- Substance use assessment to include:
 - Intake questions and screening tools
 - Rating scales
 - Diagnoses
 - Levels of use
 - Biologic and physiologic markers of substance use
- Interplay/nexus of addictive behaviors/substance use and co-occurring disorders
- Behavioral/process addictions to include:
 - Compulsive gambling
 - Compulsive sexual behaviors
 - Electronic addictions
 - Symptoms of trauma
 - Comorbidities
- Treatment(s) to include:
 - Intervening
 - Levels of treatment and treatment selection
 - i. Detoxification
 - ii. Inpatient treatment
 - iii. Intensive Outpatient
 - iv. Outpatient treatment
 - Behavioral Treatments
 - Medication-Assisted Treatment
 - Support groups, including 12 step groups and alternatives
 - Harm Reduction
- Substance use among children and adolescents, prevention & treatment
- Special Populations to include LGBTQ clients and those in the Criminal Justice System
- Ethical and legal issues and considerations

2.2 Suitable education sources are approved continuing education or professional development training 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 Certification Client Work and Consultation Attestation

The candidate must attest that, over the course of their career, he/she has completed a minimum of 100 contact hours with clients who have substance use disorder as co-occurring factor presented during mental health treatment.

4.0 Required Documentation for Certification Eligibility

1. A copy of the candidate’s professional license
2. Copies of completion of training as outline in the Educational Standards
3. A signed application form with attestation that the candidate has met all the requirements as detailed herein
4. 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.

5.0 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 continuing education or professional development training specific to assessment and treatment of substance use disorders, co-occurring disorders, suicide/self-injury, psychological trauma 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.