



Certified Functional Vision Rehabilitation Specialist (CFVRS) Certification Standards

1.0 Professional Standards

1.1 To be eligible for certification, the applicant must hold a state or national license 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
- Athletic Trainer (must be BOC certified)
- Optometrist

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 24 hours of continuing education):

Vision Foundations: Understand vision functioning

Development: Identify the neurological and functional developmental phases of vision and its functioning across the lifespan

Diagnosis: Understand common vision diagnoses

Distinguish medical (disease) from developmental (dysfunction) disorders in vision

Differences between visual function and sight-seeing

Functional implications of common visual diagnoses

Neurology: Basic knowledge and functional implications of vision related issues following neurological events

Identify neurological links that drive vision; how disease or damage to these areas affects visual function

Assessment: How to conduct a comprehensive visual screening based on patient age

Formal and informal methods for examining visual signal processing

Use of various tools and technologies to capture the functional effect of visual deficits

Co-occurring concerns: Describe how visual impediments and functional disturbances impact upon:

Academic problems

Gait and balance

Behavior

Development

Therapy

Other activities of daily living

Neurological disorders

Working with legally blind patients

Treatment: Describe appropriate treatment modalities for vision related concerns and how these are modified according to age and condition

Anatomy: Understand the anatomy of the eye, extraocular muscles, and visual pathway in the brain

Professional considerations: Limitations of vision testing

Scope of practice
How to collaborate with vision providers
When and who to refer patients to for the appropriate vision exam

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. Submit the following documents:
 - a. A copy of the candidate's professional license
 - b. Copies of completion of training as outline 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. The steps to apply for a 2-year renewal are as follows:

1. Submit the following documents:
 - a. A copy of your professional license
 - b. Completion certificate for 12 CE hours of vision rehabilitation related continuing education
2. Payment of 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.