



Certified Grief Counseling Specialist (CGCS) Certification Standards
Application Standards for Practicing Professionals in the United Kingdom

1.0 Professional Standards

1.1 Nationally registered, credentialed or member of the association noted:

- Counsellor, Psychotherapist, or Psychologist
 - Hold a registration as a MBACP, MBACP-Accredited, MBACP-Senior Accredited or higher with the British Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy (BACP)
 - Hold a full clinical membership with the UK Council for Psychotherapy (UKCP)
 - Be an Accredited Registrant (MNCS), Professional Registrant (MNCS Prof Accred), Senior Accredited Registrant (MNCS Snr Accred) or a Fellow Registrant with the National Counselling Society (NCS)
 - Be an Accredited Member, Senior Member or Fellow with the Accredited Counsellors, Coaches, Psychotherapists and Hypnotherapists (ACCPH)
 - Hold a registration as a Practitioner Psychologist with the Health & Care Professionals Council (HCPC)
 - Hold a Full Membership with the Association of Child Psychotherapists
 - Hold a Registered Counsellor Membership with the Association of Christian Counsellors (ACC)
 - Be a COSCA or UK Body Accredited Member of the Counselling & Psychotherapy in Scotland (COCSA)
- Social Worker
 - Hold a registration with the Health & Care Professionals Council (HCPC)
 - Hold a Working or Independent Membership with the British Association of Social Workers (BASW)
- Psychoanalytic and psychodynamic psychotherapists
 - Hold a Full Membership with the British Psychoanalytic Council (BPC)
- Play Therapist
 - Hold a Full Membership with the British Association of Play Therapists
 - Hold a Certification as a Play Therapist, Practitioner in Therapeutic Play Skills, Play and Creative Arts Counsellor or Supervisor of Play and Creative Arts Therapists with the Play Therapy Register
- Mental Health Nurse
 - Hold a Mental Health or Specialist Community Public Health Nurse registration with the Nursing & Midwifery Council
- Advanced Nurse Practitioner
 - Hold an active registration with the Royal College of Nursing
- Medical Doctor
 - Hold a Full, General or Specialist registration with the General Medical Council
- Ordained Clergy (submit documentation of ordination in place of a license)

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 6 CPD hours):

- Types of Grief and their implications for treatment/intervention
- Intake assessment of grieving clients, including assessment for depression and suicide
- Interventions and strategies for grief therapy or counseling
- Differentiate between grief counseling vs. grief therapy
- The process of death, dying and mourning
- Regret, forgiveness, and reconciliation

- Special considerations for grief and loss across all developmental and life stages
- Multicultural and spirituality considerations
- Boundaries of professional competence
- Ethical considerations, including working with the terminally ill, minors, families and end-of-life decisions
- Self-Care for the grief professional

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

3.0 Required Documentation for Certification Eligibility

1. A copy of the applicant's professional registration, credential or membership
2. Copies of completion of training as outline in the Educational Standards
3. 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 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, a copy of your professional registration, credential or membership as well as a completion certificate for six (6) CPD hours of grief-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) CPD hours of training for a 2-year reapplication, and eighteen (18) CPD 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.