



## Certified Grief Informed Professional (CGP) Certification Standards

### 1.0 Professional Standards

1.1 State or nationally licensed professionals as listed below, including associate or provisionally licensed professionals (or equivalent if practicing outside of the United States):

- Psychologist
- Counselor
- Social Worker
- Marriage and Family Therapist
- Advanced Practice Nurse
- Nurse Practitioner
- Physician's Assistant
- Physician
- Psychiatrist
- Psychoanalyst
- School Counselor
- Ordained Clergy (must have graduated from a CHEA or ATS accredited program)

**OR:** A graduate student in a clinical mental health program who is practicing under clinical supervision. In place of a license, please remit a copy of your unofficial transcript.

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](mailto: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](mailto:info@evergreencertifications.com)

Health, Wellness or Similar Coaches: Those holding only a health, wellness or similar coaching designation do not qualify for certification.

1.2 By applying for certification, the applicant agrees to adhere to Evergreen Certifications' Professional Code of Ethics, available at [www.evergreencertifications.com/codeofethics](http://www.evergreencertifications.com/codeofethics)

### 2.0 Educational Standards

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

- 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 continuing education 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 Application Process**

1. Submit the following documents:
  - 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. Copies of completion of training as outline in the Educational Standards
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 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 1-year renewal are as follows:

1. Submit the following documents:
  - 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 six (6) clock hours of grief-focused continuing education
2. Payment of renewal fee

You can also apply for renewal for 2 or 3 years. Follow the process above, submitting twelve (12) clock hours of training for a 2-year renewal, and eighteen (18) clock hours of training for a 3-year renewal.

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 3 years, you are no longer eligible to renew your certification and instead can reapply for certification.*