



Certified Geriatric Care Informed Professional (CGIP) Certification Standards

1.0 Professional Standards

1.1 Certified Geriatric Care Informed Professional (CGIP) Certification is designed for professionals who work with the geriatric population in a healthcare or clinical setting at least 20 hours per week. Common professionals who apply for CGIP Certification include:

- Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA)
- Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)
- Speech Language Pathologist Assistant (SLPA)
- Respiratory Therapist (CRT)
- Recreational Therapist (must hold CTRS credential)
- Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
- Certified Nurse Aide (CNA)
- Massage Therapist (LMT or BCTMB)
- Nursing Home Administrator
- Case Manager
- A graduate student in a healthcare or allied health program

Do you hold an advanced degree and professional license? You may qualify for Clinical Certification as a **Certified Geriatric Care Professional!** [Click here](#) to learn more.

Canadian Applicants: Professionals who have met the registration requirements for Provincial and Territorial Regulatory Bodies are welcome to apply. If you are unsure whether 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 applicant must meet the following education criteria (total minimum of 12 hours of continuing education):

Core Geriatric Care Educational Competency Areas:

Assessment – basic understanding of assessments used

Pharmacology – basic knowledge of drug interactions (including over the counter medications)

Fall Prevention – awareness of factors that increase risk of falls

Cognitive Decline – understand physiology of aging, recognize subtle cues of dementia and Alzheimer's Disease that may manifest in activities of daily living

Psycho-Social Wellbeing – awareness of depression and relationship/family dynamics

Behaviors – manage eating issues, sleep issues, safety concerns

Patient Empowerment – within scope of practice, educate patients on: community resources, home health hazards, living independently

Documentation – understand federal regulations and requirements as related to professional scope of practice

Legal Issues – awareness of types and symptoms of elder abuse/neglect, knowledge of reporting regulations by your profession

Transition of Care – knowledge of resources, how to communicate with and support family

End of Life Care – knowledge of palliative and hospice care

Ethnogeriatrics – awareness of unique healthcare needs for diverse ethnic backgrounds

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 Clinical Practice Requirements

The applicant must attest that he/she has spent a minimum of one (1) year working primarily with geriatric patients/clients.

4.0 Certification Application Process

1. Submit the following documents:
 - a. Copies of completion of training as outlined in the Educational Standards
 - b. Documentation of professional status in the form of at least 1 of the following:
 - i. Licensed professional - copy of your professional license or designation
 - ii. Graduate student – copy of your unofficial transcript
 - iii. Other professionals - copy of your CV and diploma or unofficial transcript
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 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 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 at least 1 of the following:
 - i. Licensed professional - copy of your professional license or designation
 - ii. Graduate student – copy of your unofficial transcript
 - iii. Other professionals - copy of your CV and diploma or unofficial transcript
 - b. Completion certificate for six (6) clock hours of continuing education related to geriatric care
2. Payment of renewal fee

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

Re-certification training hours need to have been taken in the time since you were last certified or renewed. Renewals are calculated from the date that your Certification was issued.

If you allow your Certification to lapse for more than 3 years from your Certification end date, you are no longer eligible to renew your Certification and instead can reapply for Certification.