



Certified Grief Informed Professional (CGP) 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:

Psychotherapist or counsellor

- Hold a full clinical membership with the UK Council for Psychotherapy (UKCP)
- Hold a full membership as a MBACP with a MA/ MSc in Counselling or Psychotherapy or MBACP-Senior Accredited or higher with the British Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy (BACP)
- Be a Senior Accredited Registrant (MNCS Snr Accred) or a Fellow Registrant with the National Counselling Society (NCS)
- Hold a Full Membership with the Association of Child Psychotherapists with a MA/ MSc in Counselling or Psychotherapy
- Hold a Full Membership with BABCP with a MA/ MSc in Counselling or Psychotherapy
- Hold a Registered Counsellor Membership with the Association of Christian Counsellors (ACC) with a with a MA/ MSc in Counselling or Psychotherapy
- Be a COSCA or UK Body Accredited Member of the Counselling & Psychotherapy in Scotland (COCSA) with a MA/ MSc in Counselling or Psychotherapy

Psychologist

- Hold a registration as a Psychologist with the Health & Care Professionals Council (HCPC)
- Hold a full registration as a Psychologist with the British Psychological Society (BPS)

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 with a MA/ MSc in Counselling or Psychotherapy

Mental Health Nurse

- Hold a Mental Health or Specialist Community Public Health Nurse registration with the Nursing & Midwifery Council

Nurse

- Hold an active registration with the Royal College of Nursing (RCN)

Medical Doctor

- Hold a Full, General or Specialist registration with the General Medical Council (GMC)

Psychiatrist

- Hold a Full, General or Specialist registration with the Royal College of Psychiatrists (RCP)

Ordained Clergy (must have graduated from a CHEA or ATS accredited program)

Occupational Therapists

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 Certification Application Process

1. Submit the following documents:
 - a. A copy of the applicant's professional registration, credential or membership
 - 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 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 re-apply for a 1-year renewal are as follows:

1. Submit a copy of your professional registration, credential or membership as well as a completion certificate for six (6) CPD hours of grief-focused training
2. Payment of re-certification application fee

You can also apply for renewal for 2 or 3 years. Follow the process above, submitting twelve (12) CPD hours of training for a 2-year renewal, and eighteen (18) CPD 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 recertified. Renewals are calculated from the date that your certification was issued.

If you allow your certification to lapse for more than 2 years, you are no longer eligible to renew your certification and instead can reapply for certification.