



Certified Sex Offender Treatment Provider (CSOTP) Certification Standards

Effective March 1, 2021

1.0 Professional Standards

1.1 To be eligible for certification, the applicant must have earned a minimum of a master's degree in their profession AND hold a state or national license as listed below, with all training hours and supervision requirements completed to be licensed for independent practice in the state they are licensed in (or equivalent if practicing outside of the United States):

- Psychologist (LP or LCP)
- Counselor
 - LCMHC
 - LCP
 - LCPC
 - LMHC
 - LPC
 - LPCC
 - LPCMH
- Social Worker
 - LCSW
 - LCSW-C
 - LICSW
- LISW
- LISW-CP
- LMSW if licensed in Michigan or Nebraska
- LMSW-ACP
- LSCSW
- Marriage and Family Therapist
 - LCMFT
 - LIMFT
 - LMFT
- Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner (NP)
- Psychiatrist (MD)
- Psychoanalyst (LP)

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

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

Notice to all US applicants: Your state may have additional requirements to be acknowledged as a Sex Offender Treatment Provider (or similar designation). Please reference your states' requirements to determine if this certification meets your state's requirements.

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 24 clock hours of continuing education):

- The history of and a working knowledge of sex offender legislation
- Adult and juvenile sex offense typologies
- Administration and analysis of Sex offender risk assessments
- Sex offender treatment planning, including best practices
- Common misconceptions about sex offenders

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 Client Work and Consultation Attestation

The candidate must attest that, over the course of their career, he/she has completed a minimum of 2,000 clinical hours under supervision, with 200 of those hours specific to the evaluation and treatment of sex offender clients.

4.0 Certification Application Process

1. Submit the following documentation:
 - a. A copy of the candidate's license
 - b. Copies of completion of training as outline in the Educational Standards
 - c. A signed application form with attestation that the candidate has met all the requirements as detailed herein
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.

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 a copy of your professional licensure as well as a completion certificate for six (6) clock hours of sexual or domestic violence-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) CE hours of training for a 2-year renewal, and eighteen (18) CE 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.