



## Certified Telehealth Provider – Allied Health (CTH-AH) Certification Standards

### 1.0 Professional Standards

1.1 State or Nationally licensed as listed below AND completed all training hours and supervision requirements to be licensed for independent practice in the state they licensed in (or equivalent if practicing outside of the United States):

- Occupational Therapist
- Occupational Therapy Assistant (except if licensed only in Indiana)
- Physical Therapist
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Athletic Trainer (must be BOC certified)
- Speech Language Pathologist
- Speech Language Pathology Assistant

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 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)

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 12 clock hours of continuing education):

- Benefits, risks and dependency issues of using telehealth and the internet in general
- Current research around the evidence for and pitfalls of telehealth
- Legal and ethical issues
  - Knowledge and review of your Code of Ethics and scope of practice
  - Knowledge of your state's professional regulations and how to find resources
  - Legal implications of practicing across state lines
  - Client privacy and data security considerations
  - HIPAA compliance
  - Insurance reimbursement considerations
- The practice of clinical telehealth
  - Adapting evaluation and assessment strategies to telehealth
    - Best practices for effective documentation
  - Adapting therapy techniques/exercises to telehealth
  - Screening for suitability for your client
  - Delivery methods and platforms
    - Synchronous vs. Asynchronous format
  - Technology competence for the clinician
  - Telehealth as a business

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. A copy of the applicant's professional license
  - b. Copies of completion of training as outlined in the Training Standards
2. Payment of certification application fee

Evergreen Certifications, LLC 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 re-apply for a 1-year renewal are as follows:

1. Submit the following documents:
  - a. A copy of your professional licensure
  - b. Completion certificate for four (4) clock hours of continuing education in any of the following topics:
    - i. Telehealth
    - ii. Law and Ethics
    - iii. HIPAA compliance
2. Payment of renewal application fee

Renewal 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 1 year, you are no longer eligible to renew your Certification and instead can reapply for Certification.*