



Certified Trauma Professional (CTP) Certification Standards

1.0 Professional Standards

1.1 Certified Trauma Professional (CTP) Certification is designed for the following licensed or credentialed professionals who hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree:

- An associate level or provisionally licensed mental health professional
- Allied Health Professionals
 - Athletic Trainer (must be BOC certified)
 - Certified Nutrition Specialist
 - Chiropractor
 - Dietitian
 - Occupational Therapist
 - Occupational Therapy Assistant
 - Physical Therapist
 - Physical Therapist Assistant
 - Rehabilitation Counselor
 - Respiratory Therapist
 - Speech Language Pathologist
 - Speech Language Pathologist Assistant
- Education Professionals
- Alcohol and Drug Counselors
- Chemical Dependency/Substance Abuse Counselors
- Registered Nurses
- Somatic Therapist
- Ordained Clergy (must have graduated from a CHEA or ATS accredited program)
- A graduate student in a clinical mental health program who is practicing under clinical supervision

Don't see your profession listed here and hold a master's degree and professional mental health license? You may qualify for certification as a **Certified Clinical Trauma Professional!** [Click here](#) to learn more.

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](#)

2.0 Educational Standards

2.1 The candidate must complete the following education criteria (total minimum of 12 clock hours of continuing education):

- An understanding of DSM-5® classification of trauma & stressor-related disorder
- An understanding of developmental trauma; attachment-related trauma
- Basic knowledge of assessment of psychological trauma including Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and complex trauma
- Awareness of assessment tools & scales
- Recognize symptoms of trauma; comorbidities
- Awareness of the phases of treatment (safety, stabilization, processing and re-integration)

- An overview of various treatment modalities with a review of the evidence base for each.
- Current literature and research on the latest treatment modalities

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 documentation:
 - a. Copies of completion of training as outline in the Educational Standards
 - b. 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
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 apply for a 1-year renewal are as follows:

1. Submit the following documentation:
 - 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 continuing education training related to trauma treatment
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.