



Certified Trauma Professional (CTP) Certification Standards

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1.0 Professional Standards

1.1 Certified Trauma Professional (CTP) Certification is designed for professionals who are either:

- A Graduate student in a clinical mental health program who is in the process of or has completed the clinical supervision requirements for licensure
- An Associate Level or Provisionally licensed mental health professional
 - Social Worker designations include:
 - LGSW
 - CSW (Kentucky, Nebraska)
 - LSW
 - LSWA
 - LBSW
 - Most LMSW (LMSW in Michigan and Nebraska meet requirements for CCTP)
- An Occupational, Physical or Speech Language Therapist
- A professional who provides mental health services to clients as part of their professional scope of practice and holds a minimum of a Bachelor's degree in a field that is relevant to the work that they do. Common professionals who apply for CTP Certification under this status include:
 - Alcohol and Drug Counselors with LADC
 - Chemical Dependency/Substance Abuse Counselors with LCDC
 - Registered Nurses (non-Psychiatric Nurses)
 - Clergy
 - Educators

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.

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

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, available at 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 or professional development):

- DSM-5 Classification of Trauma & Stressor-related disorder
- Developmental trauma; attachment-related trauma
- Assessment of psychological trauma including Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Complex Trauma
- Assessment tools & scales
- Symptoms of trauma; comorbidities

- 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 or professional development 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 Required Documentation for Certification Eligibility

1. Copies of completion of training as outline in the Educational Standards
2. Documentation of professional status in the form of at least 1 of the following:
 - a. Licensed professional - copy of your professional license or designation
 - b. Graduate student – copy of your unofficial transcript
 - c. Other professionals - copy of your CV and diploma or unofficial transcript
3. 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 Required Documentation for Renewal of Certification

To maintain Certification, a reapplication is required. The steps to apply for a 1-year reapplication are as follows:

1. Submit, via email, to info@evergreencertifications.com
 - 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 or professional development training related to trauma treatment
2. Payment of re-certification application fee

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

Re-certification training hours need to have been taken in the time since you were last certified or recertified. 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.