



## **Certified Primitive Reflex Clinical Specialist (CPRCS) Certification Standards**

### **1.0 Professional Standards**

1.1 To be eligible for certification, the applicant must be a state or nationally licensed professional 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):

- Physical Therapist
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Occupational Therapist
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Speech Language Pathologist
- Speech-Language Pathology Assistant
- Athletic Trainer (must be BOC certified)
- Chiropractor
- Optometrist
- Registered Nurse
- Pediatric Ophthalmologist
- Vision Therapist (must be COVT certified)

Canadian Applicants: Professionals who have met the licensure or registration requirements for provincial and territorial regulatory bodies are welcome to apply. If you are unsure whether your professional background meets the standards for certification, please email us 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 applicant must meet the following education criteria (total minimum of 18 hours of continuing education):

Core Primitive Reflex Educational Competency Areas:

**Assessment** – ability to test and assess retained primitive reflexes, tone qualities, and abnormalities

**Identification** – recognize neurologic signs and symptoms associated with specific primitive reflex retention

**Comprehension** – understand the connection between primitive reflexes and self-regulation and the impact primitive reflexes have on higher level skills (ex. reading, writing, math)

**Neuroplasticity** – understand brain development, typical developmental milestones, and causes of primitive reflex retention, understand methods of using neuroplasticity techniques

**Treatment** – integration strategies and neuroplasticity to promote midbrain and cortical function, including positioning, brain rhythm, visual alignment, cranial nerve sensation, and sensory processing

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 Clinical Case Review

- The applicant must present and discuss a minimum of 2 clinical case studies focused on primitive reflex integration in a consultation session with an Evergreen Certifications approved consultant.
- The applicant must also demonstrate proper assessment of the reflexes listed below during the consultation. This can be done either via live demonstration or recorded video.
  - Moro Reflex
  - Palmar Reflex
  - Asymmetrical Tonic Neck Reflex
  - Symmetrical Tonic Neck Reflex
  - Tonic Labyrinthine Reflex
  - Spinal Galant Reflex

*\*If you are working with a consultant that is not listed as an Evergreen Certifications Approved Consultant, please have the consultant send a copy of their professional license and CV for Evergreen to review for approval to [info@evergreencertifications.com](mailto:info@evergreencertifications.com)*

### 4.0 Certification Application Process

1. Upload the following documents:
  - a. A copy of the applicant's professional license
  - b. Copies of completion of training as outlined in the Educational Standards
  - c. Evidence of completion of Primitive Reflex clinical case review consultation session
2. Payment of certification application fee

Evergreen Certifications will certify applicants who meet the above requirements and complete the Clinical Case Review requirement as outlined in section 3.0.

*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 2-year renewal are as follows:

1. Upload the following documents:
  - a. A copy of your professional license
  - b. Completion certificate for twelve (12) clock hours of continuing education in any of the following topics:
    - i. Primitive Reflex
    - ii. Executive Function
    - iii. Sensory Processing Disorders
    - iv. Emotional Regulation
    - v. Neuroplasticity

## 2. Remit renewal fee

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 2 years from your certification end date, you are no longer eligible to renew and instead can reapply for certification.*