



Colorado Prevention Specialist II (CPS II)

Our communities face a myriad of problems such as violence, drug abuse, crime and illness that can be prevented with appropriate education and intervention. They need experienced and certified Prevention Specialists.

The **Certification for Prevention Specialist** is recognized worldwide as the gold standard for competency in the prevention field. It is written into federal and state practice regulations and insurance legislation. And the certification is in the Rocky Mountain state.

Who's offering this credential?

The Colorado Prevention Certification Board, under the Colorado Providers Association works under strict guidelines set by the International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC).

Who needs this credential?

- Everyone currently or planning to work within the prevention field, including:
- Educators and youth-service providers
 - Public health workers
 - Prevention specialists for nonprofit organizations
 - Community advocates and faith-based leaders
 - Government agencies
 - School social workers and counselors
 - Community coalition coordinators working to address community issues and prevention topics

The Colorado Certified Prevention Specialist:

- 1 Improves the ways prevention work is done in our communities by requiring continuing education for those in the field
- 2 Helps Colorado respond to the growing demand for quality, accredited prevention programs resulting from healthcare reform
- 3 Helps Colorado nonprofits and other organizations secure funding as grant requirements become more stringent
- 4 Helps the public identify reputable prevention programs and practitioners
- 5 Gives prevention specialists the recognition they deserve internationally — and opens up new professional opportunities.

For more information, visit copreventionworks.org, or email COPACert@gmail.com.



Application Requirements

Experience/Employment

- Two years (2,000 hours) of providing alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) abuse prevention and/or other prevention services. Experience must have been gained within the last seven years. Applicant must spend at least 51% of his/her time providing alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse prevention services.
- Applicant must be currently engaged (e.g. internship, volunteer, employment) in an alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention services and/or prevention services at the time the application is submitted.
- Verification of 120 hours of supervision specific to the prevention domains (a minimum of 10 hours in each of the domains is required).

Education/Training

- Accepted trainings/workshops/education within the **last 5 years**
- 100 hours of prevention specific education
 - 50 hours of this education must be ATOD specific
 - 6 hours must be specific to Prevention Ethics
- College/University credits from an applicable ATOD prevention related course may be applied for a maximum 45 hours
 - One college credit is equivalent to 15 clock hours. Three college credits are equivalent to 45 clock hours.
- 31 hours must be Substance Abuse Prevention Skills Training (SAPST)

******Pass the IC&RC Examination for Prevention Specialists******

Other

- Code of Ethical Conduct signed and dated.
- Applicant must either live or work in Colorado at the time of application.

Fees

-New Certification: **\$295**

-Recertification: **\$200** (required every 2 years with additional 40 hours of continuing education in prevention-related trainings/workshops/etc.)

Start the process to become a Certified Prevention Specialist II today!

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