



## Ohio Administrative Code

### Rule 4758-5-09 Requirements for certification of Ohio prevention specialist (OCPS ).

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(A) To be certified as a prevention specialist, an individual shall complete the following:

(1) Submission of formal application.

(2) An associate's degree or higher from an accredited educational institution.

(3) Two thousand hours of documented work experience in prevention of which a minimum of twenty per cent shall be devoted to planning and/or delivering prevention services. This work may include paid and volunteer hours, field placement, internship, or practicum experience.

(4) One hundred twenty practical experience hours. A minimum of ten hours shall be completed in each of the following performance domains:

(a) Planning and evaluation

(b) Prevention education and service delivery

(c) Communication

(d) Community organization

(e) Public policy and environmental change

(f) Professional growth and responsibility

(g) The remaining seventy hours may be completed in any domain as deemed appropriate by the applicant.



(5) One hundred twenty hours of prevention related education of which fifty per cent shall have been obtained within the last five years and twenty-four hours shall be alcohol and other drug prevention specific. The required content areas with the specific contact hours are as follows:

- (a) Domain I: planning and evaluation (three hours)
  - (b) Domain II: prevention education and service delivery (three hours)
  - (c) Domain III: communication (three hours)
  - (d) Domain IV: community organization (three hours)
  - (e) Domain V: public policy and environmental change (three hours)
  - (f) Domain VI: professional growth and responsibility (forty hours)
    - (i) Prevention-specific ethics education (six hours)
    - (ii) Cultural competency (three hours)
  - (g) The remaining hours may be distributed among these areas at the applicants discretion.
- (6) Successful completion of the IC&RC prevention specialist (PS) examination.