



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4758-6-09 Scope of practice for Ohio certified prevention specialists (OCPS).

Effective: December 21, 2018

(A) An individual holding a valid prevention specialist certificate issued under Chapter 4758. of the Revised Code may engage in the following prevention activities:

(1) Perform the following strategies identified by the center for substance abuse prevention:

(a) Information dissemination,

(b) Prevention education,

(c) Alternatives,

(d) Problem identification and referral,

(e) Community based processes and

(f) Environmental strategies.

(2) Perform the following prevention activities, identified by the international certification and reciprocity consortium:

(a) Education and service delivery,

(b) Communication, and

(c) Professional growth and responsibility.

(3) Supervise staff and volunteers including:



- (a) Prevention program volunteers,
- (b) Registered applicants,
- (c) Ohio certified prevention specialist assistants, and
- (d) Ohio certified prevention specialists.

(B) An individual holding a valid certified prevention specialist certificate may engage in the following prevention activities only while under supervision of an OCPC or other persons with credentials as listed in paragraph (C) of this rule:

(1) Perform the following prevention activities, identified by the international certification and reciprocity consortium:

- (a) Planning and evaluation,
- (b) Community organization and
- (c) Public policy and environmental change.

(2) Manage prevention programs.

(C) An individual holding a valid prevention specialist certificate may engage in the activities specified in paragraph (B) of this rule only while under the supervision of any of the following credentials with a scope of practice that would include performing activities listed in paragraph (B) of this rule.

(1) A prevention consultant certified under Chapter 4758. of the Revised Code;

(2) A registered nurse licensed under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code or an individual authorized to practice as a certified nurse practitioner under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code;



- (3) An independent social worker, licensed under Chapter 4757. of the Revised Code;
- (4) A health education specialist certified by the national commission for health education credentialing.
- (D) A prevention specialist may not practice as an independent practitioner.