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CPS Courses

FAQ: CPS Process

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is a CPS?

- A. CPS Stands for Certified Prevention Specialist. A CPS is an individual who provides alcohol, tobacco and drug prevention education and services that build capacity of individuals and systems to promote healthy environments, lifestyles and communities.

Q. What are the courses required to obtain a CPS?

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- P101: Prevention Program Planning and Assessment (6 Hours)
- P102: Prevention Activities and Methods (6 Hours)
- P103: Program Design (6 Hours)
- P104: Evidence Based Prevention Models (6 Hours)
- P105: Prevention Program Evaluation (6 Hours)
- P201: Dynamics and Process of ATOD Dependency and Abuse (6 Hours)
- P202: Impact of Substance Use Disorders on Families and Larger Systems (6 Hours)
- P203: Prevention Issues with Special Populations (6 Hours)
- P204: Prevention of Violent and Compulsive Behaviors (6 Hours)
- 205: Presentation Skills (6 Hours)
- P301: Public Relation Skills New (3 Hours)
- P302: Interpersonal Communication Skills New (3 Hours)
- P401: Community Assessment (6 Hours)
- P402: Coalition Building and Maintenance (6 Hours)
- P403: Coordinating Community Prevention Activities (6 Hours)
- P501: Introduction to Methods and the Impact of Environmental Change (6 Hours)
- P502: Assessment and Planning of Environmental Strategies (6 Hours)
- P503: Implementation & Enforcement of Environmental Change (6 Hours)
- P601: Professional Growth (3 Hours)
- P602: Ethics and Legal Issues for Prevention Specialist (6 Hours)
- P603: Cultural Competency (6 Hours)
- P604: Self Care for the Prevention Specialist (3 Hours)

120 hours total



Q. How can I learn more about the process of becoming a CPS?

- A. You may visit the Certification Board’s website at www.certbd.org and download the CPS application. This will give you information about the educational and work experience requirements needed to become a CPS.

Q. What are the eligibility requirements to obtain a CPS scholarship through NJPN?

- A. In order to receive a scholarship for the CPS program you must hold a minimum of a Bachelor degree in a Human Services related field. You must work for a DMHAS licensed prevention agency, or be part of a NJ municipal alliance. You must have an approved supervisor to oversee your 4,000 work experience hours

Q. What happens after I submit my scholarship application to NJPN?

- A. NJPN will review your application to determine if it meets eligibility requirements. If approved, you will receive an approval email with detailed information.

Q. How does the scholarship program work?

- A. Once approved you can request scholarships to attend CPS courses in approved CPS provider agencies that offer CPS courses in NJ. When a student registers for a course, they must inform the provider that they have a scholarship code.

Q. Why does NJPN monitor my progress toward CPS?

- A. The goal of this scholarship is to increase the number of Certified Prevention Specialists in New Jersey. Therefore, NJPN will verify eligibility at the start of the CPS process and periodically contact scholarship recipients to verify progress toward completing all CPS courses to ensure that the most updated course and certification requirements are fulfilled.

Q. Do any of CADCA’s National Coalition Academy courses count toward the CPS?

- A. Yes, if you successfully complete the full 3-week CADCA National Coalition Academy, those courses will fulfill 60 of the 120 required hours for Initial Certified Prevention Specialist (CPS) credit.

The CADCA Academy courses also completely fulfill the education requirements of an Associate Prevention Specialist (APS), which is 60 hours or ½ the requirement of a CPS.



You would just need to attach the official CADCA Academy Graduation certificate to the APS or CPS application when ready to apply for either credential.

If you officially completed the CADCA National Coalition Academy you **DO NOT** need to take the 10 courses listed below. The CADCA Academy specifically covers the following 10 courses:

1. P101: Prevention Program Planning & Assessment
2. P102: Prevention Activities & Methods
3. P103: Program Design
4. P104: Evidence Based Prevention Models
5. P401: Community Assessment
6. P402: Coalition Building and Maintenance
7. P403: Coordinating Community Prevention Activities
8. P501: Introduction to Methods and the Impact of Environmental Change
9. P502: Assessment & Planning of Environmental Strategies
10. P503: Implementation & Enforcement of Environmental Change Strategies

Q. Are there study guides for the CPS test?

- A. CPS exam preparation study guides are available for the prevention specialist examination:
- Candidate guides are available for all exams and include the domains and tasks for each domain, sample exam questions and a list of references free of charge. They can be downloaded from IC&RC's website www.internationalcredentialing.org
 - Prevention Resource Center of RI- new study guide available soon and its free
 - Tennessee Prevention study guide – contact IC&RC for a free copy
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