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**OCDP BOARD PREVENTION CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT COMPARATIVE MATRIX and SUMMARIES
as of April 29, 2010**

Current Requirements

Proposed Requirements

Significant Changes

Registered Applicant (RA)		
<p>Submit application and Education/Professional Development Plan</p> <p>RA can reapply without a two year waiting period</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit application • Submit Education/Professional Development Plan • Be 18 years of age with a High School Diploma or G.E.D. <p>RA would be a two year status not eligible for renewal</p>	<p>RA status would be for two years only and not renewable. Once expired, a person will not be able to obtain RA status again. A person will need to complete requirements for OPA, OCPS I or OCPS II in order to practice as an OCDP Board prevention professional.</p>

Registered Applicant

Current

A person applying for Registered Applicant status must do the following:

- Submit an application and Education/Professional Development Plan

If a Registered Applicant's status expires, that person can reapply for RA status and is not subject to any waiting period before they are eligible to reapply.

Proposed

There are no substantive changes to the application requirements to become an RA. As is current practice a person must submit an application, an Education/Professional Development Plan and the appropriate fee in order to obtain RA status.

A person applying for Registered Applicant status must do the following:

- Submit an application and Education/Professional Development Plan
- Be a minimum of 18 years of age with a high school diploma or G.E.D.

Additionally,

- RA status would become a two year, non-renewable status
- Once expired, a person will not be allowed to obtain RA status again.
- Once expired, a person will have to obtain one of the following credentials in order to practice as an OCDP Board certified prevention professional:
 - Ohio Prevention Assistant (OPA)
 - Ohio Certified Prevention Specialist I (OCPS I)
 - Ohio Certified Prevention Specialist II (OCPS II)

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Ohio Prevention Assistant (OPA)

N/A – Credential does not currently exist

- Submit application
- Submit Education/Professional Development Plan
- 18 years of age with a High School Diploma or G.E.D.
- One hundred (100) hours of compensated or volunteer supervised work experience with an entity that delivers alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention services
- 45 hours of prevention-related education in areas specified in rule
- 20 hours of prevention-related continuing education every two years

NOTES:

- There would be no exam requirement for this level
- There would be no degree requirement for this level

- New entry level certificate between RA status and the OCPS levels
- Requires 100 hours of compensated or volunteer supervised work experience in prevention services
- Requires 45 hours of prevention related education in specified content areas related to the five domains
- Would be a renewable level
- 20 hours of prevention related continuing education every two years

Ohio Prevention Assistant (OPA)

Current:

The OPA level does not currently exist.

Proposed:

The OPA is a new two year, renewable, entry-level certification intended to bridge the gap between the RA status and the OCPS levels, establish a clearer career glide path and offer an opportunity for those without a college degree to obtain a renewable prevention credential in the State of Ohio. Although available to any and all who apply and meet the qualifications, it is an ideal credential for those just starting out in the prevention profession or who routinely volunteer or work part time in a prevention setting.

A person applying to become an OPA must do the following:

- Submit an application and Educational/Professional Development Plan
- Be a minimum of 18 years old with a High School Diploma or G.E.D.
- Have one-hundred (100) hours of compensated or volunteer supervised work experience with an entity that delivers alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention services
- Forty-five (45) hours of prevention-related education in areas to be specified in rule
- Twenty (20) hours of prevention-related continuing education every two years
- Pay the appropriate application fee

Additionally,

- The 100 hours of supervised work experience and 45 hours of prevention-related education is intended to provided prospective OPAs foundational knowledge.

There is no exam or degree requirement for this level.

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Ohio Certified Prevention Specialist I (OCPS I)

- Have compensated or volunteer work, field placement, intern, or practicum experience in which not less than 20% of the individual’s time was devoted to planning or delivering alcohol and other drug prevention services;
- Have one of the following:
 - (1) At least six thousand hours of compensated or volunteer work, field placement, intern, or practicum experience in alcohol and other drug prevention services;
 - (2) An associate’s degree in a behavioral science and at least four thousand hours of compensated or volunteer work, field placement, intern, or practicum experience in alcohol and other drug prevention services;
 - (3) A bachelor’s, master’s, or doctoral degree in a behavioral science and at least two thousand hours of compensated or volunteer work, field placement, intern, or practicum experience in alcohol and other drug prevention services.
- 180 hours of prevention-related education in areas specified in rule;
- 120 practical experience hours in the performance domains specified in rule;
- Obtain a registered applicant certificate;
- Pass the CPS written examination

- An associate’s degree or higher from an accredited educational institution in a field of study specified in Board rules OR a Bachelor’s degree or higher in any field of study;
- One year (2,000 hours) of compensated or volunteer work, field placement, intern, or practicum experience in alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention services;
- 100 hours of prevention-related education in areas specified in rule;
- 120 practical experience hours in the performance domains specified in rule;
- Pass the IC&RC Certified Prevention Specialist (CPS) written or computer based examination
- 40 hours of prevention-related continuing education every two years

NOTES:

These requirements meet IC&RC reciprocity requirements for Certified Prevention Specialists

- Requires minimum of an associates degree in a specified field of study
- Aligns all OCPS I requirements with the IC&RC CPS requirements
- Realigns required work experience to one year (2,000 hours)
- Realigns required education hours to 100 hours of prevention-related education in areas related to the five domains

Ohio Certified Prevention Specialist I (OCPS I)

Current

A person applying to become an OCPS I must do the following:

- Have compensated or volunteer work, field placement, intern, or practicum experience in which not less than 20% of the individual's time was devoted to planning or delivering alcohol and other drug prevention services
- Have one of the following:
 - At least six thousand hours of compensated or volunteer work, field placement, intern, or practicum experience in alcohol and other drug prevention services;
 - An associate's degree in a behavioral science and at least four thousand hours of compensated or volunteer work, field placement, intern, or practicum experience in alcohol and other drug prevention services;
 - A bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree in a behavioral science and at least two thousand hours of compensated or volunteer work, field placement, intern, or practicum experience in alcohol and other drug prevention services.
- 180 hours of prevention-related education in areas specified in rule
- 120 practical experience hours in the performance domains specified in rule
- Obtain a registered applicant certificate
- Pass the CPS written examination
- 40 hours of prevention-related continuing education every two years

Proposed

The intent is to realign the OCPS I education and experience requirements with those of the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC). Overall, the intent is to create a more accessible, flexible and relevant OCPS certification for a broad sector of professionals working in prevention. A realigned OCPS I will create a pathway and incentive for new and existing behavioral and public health professionals to obtain prevention certification. Although not limited to any one group, the realigned OCPS I will be the mainstay certification for those providing direct prevention services.

Under the proposed realignment, a person seeking the new OCPS I must do the following:

- An associate's degree or higher from an accredited educational institution in a field of study specified in Board rules OR a Bachelor's degree or higher in any field of study;
- One year (2,000 hours) of compensated or volunteer work, field placement, intern, or practicum experience in alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention services;
- 100 hours of prevention-related education in areas specified in rule;
- 120 practical experience hours in the performance domains specified in rule;
- Pass the IC&RC Certified Prevention Specialist (CPS) written or computer based examination
- 40 hours of prevention-related continuing education every two years

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Ohio Certified Prevention Specialist II (OCPS II)

- Have compensated work experience in which not less than fifty per cent of the individual's time was devoted to planning, coordinating, or delivering alcohol and other drug prevention services;
- Have one of the following:
 - (1) A bachelor's degree in a behavioral science and at least six thousand hours of compensated work experience in alcohol and other drug prevention services;
 - (2) A master's or doctoral degree in a behavioral science and at least four thousand hours of compensated work experience in alcohol and other drug prevention services.
- 270 hours of prevention-related education in areas specified in rule;
- 120 practical experience hours in the performance domains specified in rule;
- Obtain a registered applicant certificate;
- Pass the CPS written examination

- A bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited educational institution in a field of study specified in rule;
- Three years (6,000 hours) of compensated work experience in alcohol and other drug prevention services of which two years (4,000 hours) must be in the supervision of prevention services;
- 100 hours of prevention-related education specified in rule;
- Prevention supervisor/ administrative related education specified in rule; **number of hours is still TBD by IC&RC but will include 3 hours of supervisory ethics;**
- 120 practical experience hours in performance domains specified in rule;
- Supervisor/administrative practical experience hours in performance domains specified in rule; **number of hours is still TBD by IC&RC;**
- 40 hours of prevention-related continuing education every two years; a portion of the 40 hours will be in prevention supervision/administration; **The portion of the 40 hours devoted to prevention supervision/administration is still TBD by IC&RC;**
- Pass the IC&RC CPS written or computer based examination and the IC&RC CPS Supervisor written or computer based

- This is intended to be a distinct level designed for advanced prevention practitioners who are responsible for the management and supervision of prevention related services.
- Establishes required supervisory/ administrative work experience at two years (4,000 hours).
- Establishes specific prevention supervisor/administrative education hours.
- Establishes requirement that a person pass the IC&RC Prevention Supervisor written or computer based exam.

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NOTES:

IC&RC has approved the development of a Prevention Supervisor Certification that would be designed for advanced prevention professionals. The exam for this new certificate is expected to be available December 2010 or March 2011. Details of the supervisory/administrative education and practical experience requirements still TBD by IC&RC.

According to IC&RC the specific supervisory and administrative training is expected to include fiscal management, human resources, program management, staff management, leadership, grant writing and supervision. The number of hours required for each area is still TBD pending the development of the Job Task Analysis (JTA).

The intent would be to migrate into/award existing qualifying prevention specialist the Board's supervisor endorsement level and the IC&RC Prevention Supervisor Certificate.

Ohio Certified Prevention Specialist II (OCPS II)

Current

A person applying to become an OCPS II must do the following:

- Have compensated work experience in which not less than fifty per cent of the individual's time was devoted to planning, coordinating, or delivering alcohol and other drug prevention services;
- Have one of the following:
 - A bachelor's degree in a behavioral science and at least six thousand hours of compensated work experience in alcohol and other drug prevention services;
 - A master's or doctoral degree in a behavioral science and at least four thousand hours of compensated work experience in alcohol and other drug prevention services.
- 270 hours of prevention-related education in areas specified in rule;
- 120 practical experience hours in the performance domains specified in rule;
- Obtain a registered applicant certificate;
- Pass the CPS written examination

Proposed

In order to truly delineate the OCPS II from the OCPS I, the Board is proposing to realign the OCPS II requirements with those of the new IC&RC Prevention Supervisor Certification. The new certification is scheduled to be available late 2011. The realigned OCPS II is intended to be a distinct level designed for advanced prevention professionals who are responsible for the management and supervision of prevention related services. Requirements that are listed as TBD will be finalized once IC&RC and its testing company have completed the Job Task Analysis (JTA). This will establish specific supervisor/administrator education (including continuing education) and experience requirements, as well as the domains in which the hours are to be based.

Under the proposed realignment, a new applicant seeking the new OCPS II must do the following:

- A bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited educational institution in a field of study to be specified in rule;
- Three years (6,000 hours) of compensated work experience in alcohol and other drug prevention services of which two years (4,000 hours) must be in the supervision/administration of prevention services;
- 100 hours of prevention-related education to be specified in rule;
- TBD number of hours of prevention administrative education to be specified in rule; **number of hours is still TBD by IC&RC but will include 3 hours of supervisory ethics;**
- 120 practical experience hours in performance domains specified in rule;
- TBD number of hours of supervisor/administrative practical experience hours in performance domains specified in rule; **number of hours is still TBD by IC&RC ;**
- 40 hours of prevention-related continuing education every two years; a portion of the 40 hours will be in prevention supervision/administration; **The portion of the 40 hours devoted to prevention supervision/administration is still TBD by IC&RC;**
- Pass the IC&RC CPS written or computer based examination and the IC&RC CPS Supervisor written or computer based examination