

21 NCAC 68 .0206 PROCESS FOR PREVENTION SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION

(a) The Board shall certify an applicant as a certified prevention specialist as set out in Article 5C of Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes. A certified prevention specialist's primary responsibilities are to provide substance use disorder information and education, environmental approaches, alternative activities, community organization, networking, and referral to promote personal health and well-being to individuals, families, and communities who may not otherwise be clients receiving substance use disorder treatment.

(b) The requirements for certification are:

- (1) Supervised field experience as set out in G.S. 90-113.40(a)(8) in prevention consultation;
- (2) 270 hours of academic and didactic training, divided as follows:
 - (A) 170 hours primary and secondary prevention and in the prevention performance domains; and
 - (B) 100 hours in substance use disorder specific studies, which includes six hours of HIV/AIDS/STDS/TB/Bloodborne pathogens training and education, six hours professional ethics education, and six hours of education to be selected from the following:
 - (i) nicotine use disorder;
 - (ii) psychopathology;
 - (iii) evidence-based treatment;
 - (iv) substance use disorder issues and older adults;
 - (v) substance use disorder issues affecting veterans; and
 - (vi) substance use disorder and domestic violence;
- (3) A minimum of 300 hours of supervised practical training practice hours documented by a certified clinical supervisor, clinical supervisor intern, or certified prevention specialist who has been certified more than three years;
- (4) An attestation or otherwise signed adherence by the applicant to the Ethical Standards of the Board as found in Section .0500 of this Chapter; and
- (5) An application fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), a certification fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and an examination fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).

History Note: Authority G.S. 90-113.30; 90-113.31B; 90-113.33; 90-113.38; 90-113.39; 90-113.40; 90-113.41; Eff. August 1, 1996; Amended Eff. January 1, 2014; August 1, 2002; April 1, 2001; August 1, 2000; Readopted Eff. April 10, 2019; Amended Eff. July 1, 2022.