



## Certified Preventionist Application

The CP certification is designed for those who have been working or volunteering in the field of prevention for at least one year, have completed additional training related to the field and can demonstrate knowledge and skills based on the six Prevention Performance Domains and their related core functions in an oral interview. This certification is *not* eligible for reciprocity.

### **Qualifications:** Candidates for CP certification must:

- Live or work in Georgia at least 51% of the time;
- Have at least 1 year (2000 hours) of verified paid or volunteer work experience in planning or delivering prevention services;
- Have attained a high school diploma or equivalent (i.e., GED). This requirement will be waived if the applicant has previously been certified at the PA level.
- Have at least 120 contact hours of prevention-specific training with the following requirements:
  - 30 hours for the four mandatory PCCG core courses taken within 2 years of the application;
  - 24 hours specifically related to substance abuse prevention topics;
  - 10 hours of training aligned to each of the six Prevention Performance Domains (total of 60 hours);
  - Have certificates of attendance for each training event.
- Have 2 letters of recommendation from supervisors or volunteer coordinators that document the character, professionalism and competency of the applicant;
- Complete the CP application and pay the application fee;
- Demonstrate knowledge and skills based on the six performance domains and core functions in an oral interview.

### **Steps to the Certified Preventionist Credential:**

1. Visit the PCCG website, [www.pccga.org](http://www.pccga.org) and download the Application Manual and Certified Preventionist Application or request them by email, [pccginfo@gmail.com](mailto:pccginfo@gmail.com).
2. Take the 4 mandatory core courses (unless you are upgrading and took them to get the Prevention Apprentice Certification):
  - Fundamentals of Prevention\* (12 hours)
  - Cultural Competency\* (6 hours)
  - Communications for the Prevention Professional (6 hours)
  - Prevention Ethics\*\* (6 hours)
3. Document 90 additional hours of continuing education that were taken within 5 years of the application. These may include relevant online training and college or graduate school courses.
4. Get work verification forms completed and signed by current or former supervisors.
5. Request 2 letters of recommendation from current or former supervisors to be sent to PCCG.
6. Complete the CP Application, attach certificates of attendance for all continuing education and core courses and make a check or money order payable to PCCG for the application fee or request to pay the fee through PCCG's PayPal account.
7. Send your application packet to the PCCG mailing address:  
**PCCG Credentialing Committee, P.O. Box 1922, Lawrenceville, GA 30046**
8. Successfully complete an oral interview conducted by 2 PCCG-credentialed prevention professionals.

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\*The Substance Abuse Prevention Skills Training (**SAPST**) can be used in lieu of the Fundamentals and Cultural Competence core courses if it was taken within 2 years of the application and you have a certificate of attendance.

\*\*The 6-hour moderated online course **Ethics in Prevention** offered by Prevention Solutions ([preventionsolutions@edc.org](mailto:preventionsolutions@edc.org)) will be accepted in lieu of the ethics core course if it was taken within 2 years of the application and you have a certificate of attendance.