

**BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
CERTIFIED PREVENTION SPECIALIST  
(CPS)**

**EDUCATION:**

**120 hours with a Bachelor Degree (or higher) in Human Services, Public Health, Social Work, or a closely related field.**

<b>HOURS</b>	<b>EDUCATION DISCIPLINE</b>
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10	Cultural Competence
10	Mental Health
5	Gambling
5	HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C
5	Violence Prevention (i.e., bullying)
30 (5 hours in each category)	<b>Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug (ATOD) Categories:</b> Opioids, Marijuana, Tobacco, Alcohol, Addictions 101, Prescription Drugs
30 (5 hours in each category)	<b>Prevention Practice and Theory (PPT) Categories:</b> Strategic Prevention Frameworks (SPF), Social Norms, Environmental Strategies, Youth Development, Communications/Media, Evidence-Based Practices
19	<b>Electives:</b> Can be completed in the above-mentioned categories or other prevention topics
<b>120 TOTAL</b>	

**200 hours with anything less than a Bachelor Degree**

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