



**OHIO CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS BOARD
POSITION STATEMENT
RE: PATH TO PREVENTION CERTIFICATION**

I. Purpose: The purpose of this Position Statement is to provide general information and educational direction to the public and Board employees to navigate the statutory requirements for path to prevention certification for a Register Applicant (RA), Ohio Certified Prevention Specialist Assistant (OCPSA), Ohio Certified Prevention Specialist (OCPS), and Ohio Certified Prevention Consultant (OCPC) certification of the relevant Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) sections.

II. Code Language: OAC sections 4758-6-07, 4758-6-08, and 4758-6-09 each contain the following language:

4758-6-07 An individual holding a valid registered applicant certificate may engage in the following prevention activities only while under supervision of an OCPS, OCPC or other persons with credentials as listed in paragraph (B) of this rule...

4758-6-08 An individual holding a valid prevention specialist assistant certificate issued under Chapter 4758. of the Revised Code may engage in the following prevention activities only while under supervision of an OCPS, OCPC or other persons with credentials as listed in paragraph (B) of this rule...

4758-6-09 ...An individual holding a valid certified prevention specialist certificate may engage in the following prevention activities only while under supervision of an OCPC or other persons with credentials as listed in paragraph (C) of this rule...

III. Application: To obtain documented work experience (4758-5-08, 4758-5-09, 4758-5-10) in prevention under a scope of practice with proper supervision of prevention activities, a person would need to obtain RA status with this board, or have a credential listed in paragraph (B) of 4758-6-07. It is *suggested* that someone hold the RA status for at least six (6) months while obtaining prevention experience hours to obtain prevention certificate as an OCPSA or OCPS. The RA is not a renewable credential with this board and can be held for only 2 years.

In order to obtain prevention experience in the prevention activities needed for work experience to obtain an OCPC, 4758-6-09 states (B) An individual holding a valid certified prevention specialist (OCPS) certificate may engage in certain prevention activities only while under supervision of an OCPC or other persons with credentials as listed in paragraph (C) of this rule.

Therefore, a person would need to hold a OCPS or other credentials as listed in paragraph (C) of this rule *prior* to obtaining an OCPC certificate to gain all the work experience for the prevention consultant certification.

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This is not legal advice or a substitution for legal advice. This Position Statement in know way modifies or interprets any law.

* The Executive Director, or designee, shall review position, policy, and procedures statements (collectively Statements) on or before the stated review date listed above and if applicable, make any necessary revisions in accordance with any Board Statements regarding development, review, dissemination and acknowledgement.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 4758.15, the Executive Director (ED) has been granted discretionary authority on behalf of the Board to develop, implement, maintain, and amend position statements to support rules, policies, and position statements.

Unless otherwise stated, all employees, Board members, and contractors for the Board (collectively Board employees) shall follow all laws, rules, policies, and procedures. A Board employee may be subject to discipline up to and including removal for violating laws, rules, policies, and procedures.

Definitions as stated in Chapters 4758 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) are incorporated by reference herein.

Title:	Path to Prevention Certification
Type:	Position Statement
Id Number:	30-ST-30PP04
Related References:	n/a
Legal References:	See references within Position Statement, if any. ORC: 4758.01, 4758.02, 4758.03, 4758.20, 4758.24, 4758.25, 4758.44, 4758.45, 4758.46, 4758.47 OAC: 4758-2-01,4758-4-01, 4758-5-07, 4758-5-08, 4758-5-09, 4758-5-10, 4758-6-07,4758-6-08,4758-6-09,4758-6-10
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