



PREVENTION CREDENTIALING  
CONSORTIUM OF GEORGIA

*The purpose of PCCG is to advance prevention as a viable, publically recognized and effective professional and personal discipline to benefit Georgia communities and to assure standards of excellence in the field in order to promote the well being of all people who live and work in the State of Georgia.*



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*The vision of PCCG is that everyone working in the field of prevention in the State of Georgia will be credentialed through PCCG.*

*It is the mission of PCCG to establish, promote, and sustain standards of excellence in the field of prevention in the State of Georgia.*

*"Prevention is an active process of creating conditions and fostering personal attributes which promote the well-being of people."*

*William A. Lofquist*

## PREVENTION CREDENTIALING...

### What is the Prevention Credentialing Consortium of Georgia?

PCCG is a non-profit organization with committees covering credentialing, recertification, training, public relations, resource development, and prevention ethics.

A Board of Directors represents both the private and public sectors (including grassroots representation) in Georgia.

Prevention certification is the hallmark of the prevention profession. Requirements to become certified reflect high standards for professional education, training, and performance for individuals who practice in this profession.

The professionals that have PCCG certification are recognized for achieving a standard of professional education and experience necessary to provide quality prevention services.

PCCG is a member of the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium.



PCCG recognizes the importance of ensuring that prevention practitioners demonstrate competence by establishing a minimum standard for the practice of prevention services.

Competence is measured by completion of supervised work or mentoring, evidence of education and training in designated core areas. In addition, the CP level requires an oral interview, and the ICPS level requires passing a computerized exam.

Continuing education is required for recertification and is a way to demonstrate one's ability to stay abreast of the latest research findings, best practices, and innovations in prevention methods.

**PCCG core prevention training includes three specific courses: Prevention Ethics (6 hrs), Cultural Competence (6 hrs) and Fundamentals of Prevention (12 hrs).**

**For more information, current application forms, and a training calendar, visit: [www.pcc-ga.org](http://www.pcc-ga.org)**



PCCG has three levels of certification reflecting varying degrees of knowledge and experience. The following information relates to work experience, formal education, training and other requirements for each level:

#### **Prevention Apprentice (PA)**

- 24 contact hours of Core Prevention Training

#### **Certified Preventionist (CP)**

- 2000 hours of volunteer and/or work experience;
- Minimum of a high school diploma or GED;
- 24 contact hours of PCCG Core Prevention Training;
- 40 contact hours of training in various prevention domains;
- Oral interview

#### **Internationally Certified Prevention Specialist (ICPS)**

- 4000 hours volunteer and/or work experience;
- Minimum of a Bachelor's degree;
- 24 contact hours of PCCG Core Prevention Training;
- 40 contact hours of training in various prevention domains;
- Passing the IC&RC prevention specialist exam