

# Certified Prevention Specialist (CPS)

**Job Description:** This professional dedicates their expertise to the development and implementation of programs aimed at preventing substance use disorder, mental health issues, and other high-risk behaviors within communities.

**Average Salary (South Carolina):** \$81,831

**Average Salary (National):** \$87,685



## **Educational/Experiential/Training Requirements**

*Optional step\**

1. **Bachelor's Degree** (*Psychology, Social Work, or related field*)\*
2. **Prevention education** (~120 hours)
3. **Direct supervision** (~120 hours)
4. **Field experience** (~2,000 hours)

## **Licensure/Certification Requirement(s)**

- **State certification (Prevention Specialist),** *South Carolina Association of Prevention Professionals and Advocates*

## **Continuing Education Renewal Requirement(s)**

- **40 hours of continuing education units (CEUs)** *every 2 years*

