

## THE PREP CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY PROGRAM

The OASERVIC Professional Recognition of Ethics in Practice (PREP) program was designed to provide Ohio counselors, educators, and students diverse opportunities to actively promote the ethical codes of the profession in a pragmatic way, demonstrate a standard of knowledge, promote application of the profession's competencies, and show dedication to professional excellence in their clinical work and behaviors. The PREP certificate serves to identify professionals who have voluntarily sought to demonstrate a passion for aligning their practices with the ACA *Code of Ethics* (2014) and relevant competencies. Certificates will be provided for the given year cycle based upon the PREP checklist delineating a list of criteria developed by the OASERVIC board that promotes both the ethical codes and competent professional practice behaviors. The certificate promotes the following mission:

- Promote professional accountability, visibility, and helps recognize best ethical practice of counselors across the state
- Identifies to the public and professional peers those professionals who have met specific recognized standards outlined by the certificate
- Increase marketability of quality services for Ohio clients and Ohio's behavioral health system
- Encourages the continuing professional growth and development of individuals

Recipients must be both an **OCA and OASERVIC member** at the time of application. PREP awardees will receive a certificate of completion indicating commitment to professional excellence, be recognized at OASERVIC's awards ceremony held at OASERVIC's annual workshop, and be featured on OASERVIC's website. OASERVIC seeks applicants who have exhibited exceptional practice in the state of Ohio and who hold a willingness to serve Ohio's diverse populations with professional excellence. Interested applicants should review the PREP checklist to identify if they meet PREP requirements, then submit the following to the Ethics & Values Committee Chair, at [durhamsj93@gmail.com](mailto:durhamsj93@gmail.com) before the end of each quarterly grant cycle occurring during the months of **January 1<sup>st</sup>/ April 1<sup>st</sup>/ July 1<sup>st</sup>/ October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.**

1. The OASERVIC PREP program application and essay
2. Your curriculum current vitae/résumé
3. Two letters of recommendation describing your professional knowledge and skills as it relates to ethical advocacy, practice experiences, and/or reasons why you should be selected for a PREP certificate

**Applicants will be notified of their application status by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month after the close of the most recent cycle.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Ethics & Values chair:

Stephanie Durham at [durhamsj93@gmail.com](mailto:durhamsj93@gmail.com)

**The Ohio Association for Spiritual Ethical and Religious Values in Counseling**

**2021-2022 OASERVIC PREP Program**

**PREP Program Application**

Directions: Please complete and return the form, your curriculum vitae/résumé, and two letters of recommendation (letters should not come from members of the OASERVIC Ethics & Values selection committee) to [durhamsj93@gmail.com](mailto:durhamsj93@gmail.com) no later than the end of the quarter cycle on the months of **January 1<sup>st</sup>/ April 1<sup>st</sup>/ July 1<sup>st</sup>/ October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Please scan and submit all documents into one single pdf file.** In the email subject line indicate:

Lastname\_ OASERVIC PREP Application

Full Name:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Are you an OCA member?

Are you an OASERVIC member?

Master's or Doctoral Degree:

University:

Program area of study:

University or Agency Affiliation:

Job Title:

Please describe in 750 words or less how your professional practice as an ethically informed counselor qualifies you for the OASERVIC PREP Program and how you meet PREP standards delineated in the checklist. Be sure to include specific examples of ethical advocacy, practice experiences, any additional reasons why you should be selected, and any past leadership experiences that may inform practice to fulfill PREP checklist requirements.

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**PREP Program Ethical Principal Checklist**

**Directions:** Please complete and return this form (and any additional supporting paperwork needed with your essay) demonstrating a satisfactory score in the six fundamental principles of ethical behavior. Examples are provided for context. Information required to satisfy the principals will be reviewed from applicant's submitted materials.

**Note: OASERVIC reserves the right to request additional information if not provided in application (e.g. licensure verification)**

- I. Autonomy – *Fostering the right to control the direction of one's life*** \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Attendance of a professional counseling conference (*1 pt per example*)
  - b. Achievement of an additional certification (e.g. NCC; CBT training) (*2 pts*)
  
- II. Nonmaleficence – *Avoiding actions that cause harm*** \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Example(s) of ethical practice (*2 pts per example*)
    - i. Use of an ethical decision-making model in practice
    - ii. Combined use of another ethical code (e.g. AMHCA; ASCA)
    - iii. Example of competent practice (ALGBTIC; ASERVIC; MCSJJ)
  
- III. Beneficence – *Working for the good of the individual and society by promoting mental health and well-being*** \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Service at a professional counseling event (*1 pt per example*)
  - b. Service to the local, university, state, or national community (*2 pts*)
  
- IV. Justice – *Treating individuals equitably and fostering fairness and equality*** \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Advocacy for professional counselors (*1 pt per example*)
  - b. Advocacy for a marginalized client or group (*2 pts*)
  
- V. Fidelity – *Honoring commitments and keeping promises, including fulfilling one's responsibilities of trust in professional relationships*** \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Maintenance of professional licensure in good standing (*1 pt per year*)
  - b. Achievement of independent licensure or supervisory endorsement (*2 pts*)
  
- VI. Veracity – *Dealing truthfully with individuals with whom counselors come into professional contact*** \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Service to a counseling organization (e.g. ACA; OCA) (*1 pt per example*)
  - b. Providing a refereed presentation or publication on a counseling topic (*2 pts*)

**Required Score per Principal: 2**

**Total Combined Points Needed: 12**

**Total Applicant Points:** \_\_\_\_\_