



Certified Employment Support Professional



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	Certified Employment Support Professional™ Certification (CESP)	ACRE Certificates: Employment Services or Customized Employment (Basic or Professional)
Education Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> High School Diploma or equivalent. At least 9 months Work Experience (with a qualified training) or 1+ year (working 20+ hours/week in CIE supports). See website for more information. Sign code of conduct. 	<p>Basic Level training has no pre-requisites or requirements.</p> <p>Professional Level training requires 1 year of work experiences in employment support services.</p>
Training	N/A	<p>Basic Level: 40 hour training minimum.</p> <p>Professional Level: additional 20-40 hours of training</p>
Assessment	Assessed through 3 hour examination.	Competency based training to enhance knowledge and skills.
Certification or Certificate	Nationally Accredited Professional Certification.	Certificate of Completion.
Availability	Bi-Monthly at testing centers nationwide.	Training offered by ACRE approved training organizations nationwide. Available: in person, online, and hybrid models of training.
Cost	\$199 per examination attempt. \$125 Recertification Fee.	Cost varies by training organization. Range: \$300-\$800 per person.
Ongoing Professional Development Requirements	Credential holders must recertify every 3 years by: retaking CESP Examination, OR submitting documentation of 36 hours of continuing education credit related to employment supports.	<p>No requirements to retain Certificate.</p> <p>Certificate of completion does not expire.</p> <p>No continuing education requirements.</p>



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