

Certified Wellness Practitioner (CWP) Exam Eligibility Pathways



PATHWAY #1

Wellness or Wellness-Related Bachelor's Degree or Higher **OR** Wellness Associate Degree

OPTION A

Formal Education

- Bachelor's degree or higher
- Wellness* or wellness-related**

Professional Experience

One year in wellness or proof of a qualified internship/practicum[^]

OPTION B

Formal Education

- Associate degree
- Wellness*

Professional Experience

Two years in wellness or one year in wellness and proof of a qualified internship/practicum[^]

PATHWAY #2

Non-Wellness Bachelor's Degree or Higher **OR** Wellness-Related Associate Degree

OPTION A

Formal Education

- Bachelor's degree or higher
- Non-wellness

Professional Experience

Three years in wellness, or two years in wellness WITH either a minor in wellness or a graduate certificate in wellness

OPTION B

Formal Education

- Associate degree
- Wellness-Related**

Professional Experience

Three years in wellness, or two years in wellness WITH either a minor in wellness or a graduate certificate in wellness

PATHWAY #3

Non-Wellness-Related Associate Degree **OR** High School Diploma, GED, or Equivalent Degree/Diploma

ONLY OPTION

Formal Education

- Associate degree
- Non-wellness

OR

- High school diploma or equivalent

Professional Experience

Five years in wellness

Note: Demonstrating 15 hours of wellness continuing education in the last five years (must align with the Wellness Promotion Competency Model) may replace up to one year of required professional experience.

Eligibility Review Required!

Please note that all candidates applying to sit for the CWP exam via Pathway #3 must submit an Eligibility Verification Form and pay the associated review fee.

***Wellness Degrees:** Wellness, Health Promotion, Health Education, Public Health, Integrative Health, Healthy Living, Wellness Management

****Wellness-Related Degrees:** Dietetics, Kinesiology, Exercise Science, Psychology, Social Work, Nursing, Health Psychology, Advanced Degree (D.O., M.D., P.A., D.C., D.P.T.)

[^]**Internship/Practicum:** If non-credit-bearing, candidates must submit documentation verifying a minimum of 70 internship and/or practicum hours.

IMPORTANT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION INFORMATION

All CWP candidates must complete an application during registration to provide information supporting their eligibility. Candidates in Pathway #1 or Pathway #2 who are unsure if they meet the eligibility requirements to sit for the CWP exam have the OPTION to request a prescreening by submitting the [Eligibility Verification Form](#). Prescreening is required for candidates in Pathway #3. If requesting verification, candidates must submit their Eligibility Verification Form no later than the 15th of the month prior to the exam period (i.e., before December 15, April 15, or August 15) to guarantee notification of eligibility prior to the examination registration deadline. Effective Date: December 17, 2021



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