



Enhanced Certification

Cohort Model

Earn your certification with your peers; share life experiences while learning new techniques and skills

Collaborate and connect in multiple sessions for a total of 25 hours

Instructors with expertise training on health promotion; social interactions; activities of daily living; medical treatments; complex behaviors; and person-centered services

Pay Differential

- Pay differential of \$1 per hour, above base-rate of pay, for pre-approved consumer/employers
- The Enhanced pay differential is not stackable with other pay differentials, with one exception:
 - HCWs may stack Enhanced and VDQ pay differentials

Prerequisite Information

- To meet prerequisite requirements complete one of the two options

[Readiness Assessment](#)

OR

[Professional Development Certification](#)

- CIIS PSWs - Exempt from prerequisites if supporting a person in transition; stipend eligible
- DD PSWs - Enhanced Certification is a prerequisite for an Exceptional Certification

Additional Requirements

- Enhanced Certification application. Request through the email provided below
- [CPR/First Aid Certification](#) with demonstration of skills, must be on file with OHCC
 - *[Conditional Certification](#) guidelines may apply

Continuing Education Information

- Enhanced Certification valid for 24 months; may start renewing certification on the 12th month
- Continuing Education requires 12-hours of cohort training