



"Now that I'm a certified youth care worker, I am more confident and my organization has more confidence in me."
M.W., CYC-P

Become a Certified Youth Care Worker

National Safe Place Network (NSPN) is helping to advance the youth services field by offering the Child and Youth Care (CYC): Foundations course.

Participating in this course strengthens your knowledge and skills in the child and youth care field. By completing the course, you will:

- Receive the benefits of high-quality, cost-effective training that builds on individual experiences of child and youth workers.
- Become part of a competent, certified group of child and youth care workers advancing the youth services field.

Individuals with varying levels of experience are welcome.

The CYC: Foundations course includes the following areas of focus:

- Introduction to professional CYC practice
- Brain-based guidance techniques
- Communication
- Relationship development
- Activity development and leadership
- Cultural diversity
- Professional ethics and regulation
- Assessment and documentation
- Developmentally-based programming
- Group work
- Supervising children and youth

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Child and Youth Care: Foundations Course

The Child and Youth Care (CYC): Foundations course, developed by the Academy for Competent Youth Work and sponsored by the CYC professional community, is a 40-hour competency based training leading to national or international CYC certification by the CYC Certification Institute and CYC Certification Board.

The youth services field is has transitioned from its early “problem-centered” focus into practices that recognize the importance of:

- 1) Strengths-based care
- 2) Asset identification and development
- 3) Trauma-informed practices
- 4) Recognition of the importance of brain-based interventions
- 5) The impact of culture and human diversity
- 6) Relational approaches that offer genuine connections and caring supports



This infers a workforce of CYC workers who are versed in these concepts and who have the wide skills to offer this type of care. The CYC: Foundations course and certification recognize these trends and promote their use in the field.

CYC: Foundations Course Cost

Course fee include cost of course and workbook. The fee does not include certification testing or application.

NSPN Member: \$600

Standard Fee: \$800

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Child and Youth Care Certification

Following the Foundations course, participants will have the opportunity to complete the certification test and apply for CYC certification at one of three different levels: entry, associate, and professional.

Entry Level Certification:

Designed for individuals who: are engaged in basic training in child care and youth work; are focused on learning fundamental practice skills; work under the supervision of others with more advanced credentials; have minimum of one year working with children, youth, and families.

Certification test: _____ \$75

Application processing fee: _____ \$70

Renewal fee (every two years): _____ \$55

Associate-Level Certification:

Designed for individuals who: completed basic training in child care and youth work; mastered fundamental concepts and are working on deeper knowledge and expanding skills; provide supervision to less experienced practitioners and receive supervision from others; have a minimum of three years experience.

Certification test: _____ \$100

Application processing fee: _____ \$120

Renewal fee (every two years): _____ \$55

Professional-Level Certification:

Designed for individuals who: demonstrate the full range of knowledge and skills needed for competent practice; graduate from baccalaureate, masters, or doctoral degree program; provide supervision; have a minimum of five years of experience.

Certification test: _____ \$150

Application processing fee: _____ \$170

Renewal fee (every two years): _____ \$70

Prices are determined by the CYC Certification Board and are subject to change.

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