

QEP

Becoming a Qualified Equivalent Program



Key Terms

Qualified Equivalent Program (QEP)

A Qualified Equivalent Program (QEP) is a curriculum-based certificate or diploma program in safety, health, and environmental (SH&E) practices meeting the criteria and standards set by BCSP for participation in the Transitional Safety Practitioner® (TSP®) program and whose curriculum demonstrates a substantial match to the Associate Safety Professional® (ASP®) Examination Blueprint.

QEP Coordinator

A QEP Coordinator is the contact person between the credentialing institution and BCSP. This person works with BCSP to help maintain the program's QEP status. In addition, they inform program participants about the TSP and promote the value of holding the CSP certification.

Transitional Safety Practitioner (TSP)

The TSP is a designation available to individuals completing a QEP. The TSP designation is not a certification. It denotes achieving a credential from a current QEP and indicates progress towards the CSP certification.

Certified Safety Professional® (CSP®)

The CSP is the "gold standard" in safety certification and is awarded by the Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP). The CSP is accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). **More information about BCSP and the CSP can be found at [BCSP.ORG](https://www.bcsp.org).**



TSP Benefits

Individuals holding a credential from a current QEP are eligible to apply for the TSP designation, which meets the qualified credential requirement to apply for the CSP. BCSP supports credential holders by awarding them the TSP designation, which demonstrates to established professionals and potential employers that they are prepared for entry into, or advancement in, professional safety practice.

Additional benefits of obtaining the TSP designation:

- You meet the CSP eligibility requirement of holding a BCSP qualified credential, waiving the ASP and its exam.
- Recognition for being on a path toward the CSP certification.
- Recognition for the level of preparation for professional safety practice.
- A TSP digital wall certificate.
- TSPs' names and digital badges appear on the BCSP Credential Holder Directory.
- Use of the BCSP Career Center ([JOBS.BCSP.ORG](https://www.bcsp.org/jobs)) to post a resume and view career opportunities.
- Use of the BCSP Mentor Program to support the pursuit of safety certification.

How Do You Become a TSP?

Individuals must complete an online application for the TSP designation and upload a copy of their certificate or diploma with the date it was awarded. TSP candidates must apply within one year of achieving their certificate or diploma, or during the program's applicable dates as listed on the QEP list. The QEP list can be found at [BCSP.ORG/TSP/QEPs](https://www.bcspp.org/tsp/qeps).

Once the application is approved, the TSP designation is awarded. All TSPs pay an annual renewal fee to maintain their designation and may hold the TSP for up to six (6) years. When a TSP meets the eligibility requirements for the CSP certification, they may submit their CSP application by logging in to *MyProfile* at [BCSP.ORG](https://www.bcspp.org).

Once a TSP achieves the CSP certification, the TSP designation expires. TSPs who lose their designation before achieving the CSP must achieve the ASP certification or another BCSP qualified credential before applying for the CSP.

For more information about the TSP, ASP, and CSP, refer to the *Complete Guide to Safety Certification* at [BCSP.ORG/TSP](https://www.bcspp.org/tsp).

QEP Benefits

Being a QEP distinguishes your SH&E program from other programs. It recognizes graduates' accomplishments with a path to professional certification.

- BCSP gives special recognition to QEPs on our website.
- College and university faculty teaching SH&E courses may qualify for a free ASP and CSP application and free exams (deadlines apply).
- There is no cost to the school for either a program review or becoming a TSP QEP.

Institutional Requirements for Programs

Programs are reviewed by BCSP throughout the year, and new programs are added to the QEP list on a quarterly basis. Once a program is published on the QEP list, credential holders of the program are eligible to apply for the TSP designation.

Note: This process of review is repeated with each new ASP examination blueprint revision.

The ASP blueprint can be downloaded from the BCSP website at [BCSP.ORG/ASP](https://www.bcspp.org/asp).

Institutional Requirements

Curriculum-based certificate or diploma programs in SH&E practices are eligible for the QEP. Institutions interested in having their program reviewed for QEP status must:

- Make a formal request to BCSP to be considered for the QEP program, either through email, mail, or by phone.
- Submit program information, including a QEP coordinator and contact information.
- Submit program requirements for participation.
- Submit a listing of the program's required courses, each with a detailed syllabus.



Name of Credentialing Institution

Program Name

Type of Credential

Annual Credentials Issued

Revisions YES NO

Date Program Began

If Yes, Provide Date of Last Program Revision

Website

Institution's Mailing Address

Full Mailing Address

Country

QEP Coordinator Contact Information

Coordinator's Name

Coordinator's Title

Email Address

Phone

Coordinator's Mailing Address

Full Mailing Address

Country

For more information please contact TSP@bcsp.org or Kathleen Golding at +1 317-390-3883.