

Dear Expert in Our Field,

We know that many SASH members have been working in our respective fields of sexual health for many years. Many of us have the knowledge, education and training already to apply for a SASH credential, however, have been working so long in the field that we could not even begin to find the documentation necessary to apply. Accordingly, we at SASH have created a “qualified exemption” application to help those in this situation. If you have been working in one of the specialized credential fields for 10 years or longer and believe that you possess the required education and training, please consider this as an alternative to your having to submit all the required documentation.

To apply via the qualified exemption process, complete the [initial application](#) found on the SASH website, write the committee a letter detailing the information found below for each certification and attach your most recent CV and send to [credential@sash.net](mailto:credential@sash.net). Finally, please have 3 professional references sent to the committee using the [professional reference form](#). As you read the criteria for each credential, you can readily see how robust the criteria are in both general sexual health and the individual specialty areas. To that end, please pay careful attention to the criteria as you write your letter. The letter should detail how long you have worked as a mental health practitioner, and specifically in the credential specialty area. In your letter discuss how your expertise, training, and experience have allowed you to learn and use the tenants discussed in the specifics of general sexual health. Each credential requires training and experience in multiple modalities so be sure to present that expertise in your letter. Pay careful attention to the notes below as well. We look forward to your application.

For the PSB credential discuss how your training and experience show the use or knowledge of the various modalities of PSB and is not limited to one treatment method. Please also discuss your education or experience in treating affected family members, sexual diversity and sexual offending.

For the Sexual Wellness credential, discuss how your training and experience in sex therapy show the knowledge of techniques related to overall sexual wellness as well as relationship building and assessment of sexual wellness.

For the Sexual and Relationship Trauma credential please discuss how your training and experience show the use or knowledge of a variety of trauma techniques both in sexual trauma and relational trauma.

For the Sexual Offending Credential be sure to include how your training and education speak to treatment of different offender types, the impact on victims and family as well as an understanding of the variety of treatment models.

Thank you so much for considering the SASH credentialing process. We are very excited about the impact that these new credentials are already having on the sexual health community!

Best regards,

The SASH Credential Committee