

Peer Recovery Specialist Training

**INTERESTED IN A CAREER AS A PEER RECOVERY SPECIALIST?
READY TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP?**

Attend this 72-hour virtual training!

This 10-day training is virtual via Zoom, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day:

- Week 1: Wednesday, May 5 & Thursday, May 6, 2021
- Week 2: Thursday, May 13 & Friday, May 14, 2021
- Week 3: Wednesday, May 19 & Thursday, May 20, 2021
- Week 4: Wednesday, May 26 & Thursday, May 27, 2021
- Week 5: Wednesday, June 9 & Thursday, June 10, 2021

The training is absolutely free and open to residents of Fairfax County, Falls Church City and Fairfax City. Participants must have a high school diploma or GED.

Completing a Peer Recovery Specialist (PRS) training is the first step on the path to becoming a Certified Peer Recovery Specialist (CPRS). The full process is three steps:

1. **EDUCATION:** Successful completion of the PRS 72-hour state-approved training (**that's this training!**).
2. **EXPERIENCE:** Completion of 500 hours of supervised paid or unpaid experience providing peer support services.
3. **EXAM:** Passing the CPRS certification exam within 6 months of application for certification.

Note: Completion of this training is not a guarantee of employment – but it could definitely help.

The Role of A Certified Peer Recovery Specialist

A Certified Peer Recovery Specialist (CPRS) is an individual with personal, lived experience with recovery from mental health challenges, substance use disorders, or both.

CPRSs serve in a supportive role within the community and/or treatment setting. They are role models, mentors and advocates. They help individuals and family members in recovery create a support system to learn and develop healthy skills and build a connected community.

Important factors we will consider in reviewing applications include:

- At least one year of demonstrated recovery from mental health challenges, substance use disorders, or both.
- Prepared to undertake a course of study leading to a career as a peer specialist or are already working or volunteering as a peer supporter.
- Ability to work with peers, clinicians and other stakeholders in behavioral health as part of a team.

If you are ready to take the first step in this process, we invite you to apply!

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Fill out the application and email it to CSBOIFA@fairfaxcounty.gov

by Monday, April 5, 2021 at 4 p.m.

Only emailed applications submitted by this deadline will be accepted.



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