

CERTIFIED PEER RECOVERY SPECIALIST (CPRS)



via: International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC)/
NJ Addiction Professionals Certification Board

Eligibility & Application Requirements

- Must submit a copy of GED, high school or higher education diploma or transcript.
- Must have a minimum of 500 hours of work/volunteer experience in within the past two years (signed by supervisor).
- Must submit job/volunteer and program description (signed by supervisor).
- Must submit signature page documenting attendance of four self-help meetings related to Substance Use or Co-Occurring Disorders and Ethical Standards Recognition Statement for CPRS (signed by supervisor).
- Must submit completion of pre-approved 25 Supervised Practicum Hours in a licensed or approved agency (signed by supervisor).
- Must provide copy of certificate/transcript of 46 hours of face-to-face training focused on the Four Domains of Peer Recovery.

46 Face-to-Face Training Hours Include:

- 10 training hours—Advocacy
- 16 training hours—Ethical Responsibility
- 10 training hours—Mentoring and Education
- 10 training hours—Recovery Support
 - May be achieved via DMHAS required 18 hour Ethics + 30 hour CCAR.
 - NJPN training is provided at no cost to DMHAS peer workers. NJPN will provide official transcript for courses provided.
 - Non-NJPN students, *please see: Certification Board website (CertBd.org) for listing of all approved Education Providers and Trainings.*

25 Supervised Practicum Hours Include:

- 5 supervised hours—Advocacy
- 10 supervised hours—Ethical Responsibility
- 5 supervised hours—Mentoring and Education
- 5 supervised hours—Recovery/Wellness Support

Who Should Apply?

Individuals providing Peer Recovery Support Services for
NJ-DMHAS Peer Initiatives

<https://certbd.org/applications/>



NJ Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) endorses CPRS and NCPRSS certifications for peer workers within DMHAS initiatives. Each certification has specific eligibility requirements, the DMHAS required 3-day (18 hour) Ethics training plus the 5-day (30 hour) CCAR training are approved foundation courses applied to both credentials.