

NATIONAL CERTIFIED PEER RECOVERY SUPPORT SPECIALIST (NCPRSS)



via: National Certification Commission for Addiction Professionals
(NCC AP)/NAADAC

Eligibility & Application Requirements

- Must submit copy of GED, high school or higher education diploma or transcript.
- Must have a minimum 2 years recovery from lived-experience in substance use and/or co-occurring mental health disorders (**self-attested**).
- Must have a minimum of 200 hours of direct practice (volunteer/paid) in a peer-recovery support environment (supervisor-attested).
- Must submit a signed statement adhering to NAADAC NCPRSS Code of Ethics.
- Must submit two references, at least one of which must be professional.
- Must provide evidence of earning 60 contact and training hours (CEs) of peer recovery-focused education and training.
 - At least 50% of all training hours must be face-to-face.

60 Contact and Training Hours Include:

48 hours of peer recovery-focused education/training

- 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 NAADAC website (NAADAC.org) for listing of approved education providers.*

6 hours HIV/other pathogens education

- May be achieved via NAADAC web-series. This web-series is provided at no cost to NAADAC members: Contact NJPN for scholarship to become a NAADAC Member.

6 hours of education including Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC)

- May be achieved via NAADAC Recovery to Practice web-series.

Who Should Apply?

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

PLEASE REFER TO THE NAADAC WEBSITE FOR TESTING INFORMATION

<https://www.naadac.org/ncprss>



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.