

# 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 2 years (signed by Supervisor).
- Must submit job/volunteer & 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

# 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.

TEST EXEMPTION OFFER

FOR BOTH CPRS & NCPRSS

EXTENDS TO

JUNE 30, 2019

[CERTBD.org/product/certified-peer-recovery-specialist](http://CERTBD.org/product/certified-peer-recovery-specialist)

[NAADAC.org/ncprss](http://NAADAC.org/ncprss)

*NJ Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) endorses the 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.*

## WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Peer Workers providing Recovery Support Services for NJ-DMHAS funded agencies.



# PEER CERTIFICATION

# CONTACT

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**IC/RC CERTIFICATION**

**NAADAC CERTIFICATION**

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