

# Certified Recovery Peer Advocate Training: Part 1



The Certified Recovery Peer Advocate program provides the required training (advocacy, mentoring and education, recovery wellness support, ethical responsibility and Medication Supported Recover/MSR) for provisional certification (CRPA-P) through Healthy Capital District. The primary function of a Certified Recovery Peer Advocate is facilitating outreach with individuals currently in a program or considering treatment. Utilizing their recovery expertise, professional training and lived experience, peers boost individuals' engagement in treatment and commitment to recovery. CPRAs also connect patients to community-based recovery supports consistent with treatment, recovery, and discharge plans. Upon completion of this 144 hour course, student will:

- Understand the scope of practice of a Certified Recovery Peer Advocate
- Display ability to communicate with patients in a culturally sensitive context
- Understand and perform skills related to a peer services
- Apply essential skills as they relate to the recovery field

## REQUIREMENTS

- High School Diploma or equivalency

Dates: Current class schedule can be found on our website at [www.sunysccc.edu/wfdce](http://www.sunysccc.edu/wfdce) under healthcare trainings

**Location: TBD**

**5 days 9am-4pm**

**Recovery Coach Academy**

**1 day 9am-2pm MSR**

**3 days 9am-3pm Ethics**

**Cost: \$3,000**

(includes tuition, textbooks, application and exam fees and CDTA bus pass) \*Scholarship funding may be available for students who qualify

Please note that SUNY Schenectady has some laptop computers available for loan for registered students.

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# CRPA Professional Development and Support: Part 2



Once a student has successfully completed the instructional portion of the CRPA-P training, they will begin their professional development in this role. This will include:

## Weekly Check-ins

- Weekly check-ins offered utilizing motivational interviewing to address challenges, and celebrate successes

## Data Tracking Sheets

- Tracking sheets will be developed and data reviewed monthly to highlight strengths and opportunities
- Track metrics that support both CRPA and employer outcomes

## Resources

- Provide hard copies of Healthy Capital District resources including the Regional Mental Health Resource Guide, Recovery Guide, Social Determinants of Health Guide, Capital Region Refugee Resource Guide, and Self-Management Guides
- Training to optimize use of Healthy Capital District's online Community Health Professional webpage

## Monthly Professional Development

- Share in-person and virtual role-specific workshop opportunities
- Communicate current developments in the fields of mental health, substance use disorders, co-occurring disorders, and peer recovery services

## Full CRPA Certification

- Share courses required to satisfy the 28 hours of ASAP-NYCB approved recovery-specific education including 4 hours of ASAP-NYCB approved peer ethics
- Provide shadowing and volunteer opportunities at recovery-based organizations
- Provide a tracking method for documenting the required hours for full certification

**Individual weekly check-in times and dates will be determined by student and trainer's schedule.**

**Monthly workshops and shadowing opportunities, as well as resources, will be provided on an ongoing basis.**

### **Cost:**

Included in tuition for part 1 of class

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