

Questions Asked During Live Webinar Broadcast on 12/04/18



National Peer Recovery Support Credentialing – Now Is the Time

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You mentioned two completed and signed references in sealed envelopes. Should these be sent separately?

A: Yes, please send from each person providing the reference.

I am currently a student with GCU working on Masters in professional counselor, do I still need all the requirements that you stated on the list?

A: Yes, if applying for the National Peer Support credential and you have met the peer experiential hours.

I am currently in my internship phase and I have never been in recovery before. Do I have to have experience in recovery before I can be a peer recovery specialist?

A: Yes. The criteria is “Must have a minimum two years of recovery from lived-experience in substance use and/or co-occurring mental health disorders (self-attested).”

Wouldn't your supervisor need to be in recovery?

A: No, they just to be able to address the applicant's competency as a Peer Recovery Support Specialist.

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A: Same as above.

Had criminal conviction but am off probation and have been sober 3+ years. Does this prohibit me on the criminal complaint portion?

A: Not necessarily, it may be limiting if the state in which you practice has regulations regarding criminal convictions. Please check with your state authority for substance use disorders.

I am self employed owning my own Consulting LLC and am my own supervisor. Do I just attest my own hours/volunteer service?

A: You can attest to your own recovery, however, you cannot attest to your own hours/volunteer service for practice. All Recovery Support Specialist needs to have at least a consulting supervisor.

At the VA when we don't have a credentialing board in our state to get our training, we get it from a national agency called Recovery Innovations. This allows us to move to a VA facility anywhere in the country. Would this work toward the NCPRSS credential?

A: Yes, if the training includes the education in documentation, community/family education, case management, crisis management, Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC), screening and intake, identification of indicators of substance use and/or co-occurring disorders for referral, service coordination, service planning, cultural awareness and/or humility, and basic pharmacology.

Can we make up the face-to-face hours with additional webinars?

A: Face to Face includes any type verified of in-person training which includes direct face to face or use of technology like distance learning, Skype, webinars, Zoom, etc.

I'm seeing on the application I downloaded that it's \$235?

A: During test exempt it is \$150.

Can you take the 6 hours of HIV online? If so, where can you find that training?

A: Yes. NAADAC offers. See <https://www.naadac.org/on-demand-webinars>

If I have taken a 3-credit college course which covered case management, documentation, and screening/intake, how would I show that under the 48 hours?

A: 1 semester college credit translates to 15 continuing education hours and 1 quarter college credit translates to 10 continuing education hours.

What's the billing format in which a peer specialist be able to bill?

A: It is "state dependent" – it depends on what your state requires. Please check with your state authority that reimburses for peer support services.

How do you become an educational resource provider for the peer the support?

A: NAADAC has an application process for NAADAC Approved Education Providers. Please check our website that details the Guidelines, FAQ's and application process including a check-list of items necessary for application. Please see <https://www.naadac.org/naadac-approved-education-provider-applications>.

What site is the new form for the person in recovery to confirm?

A: The National Peer Recovery Support Specialist application form is found on the NAADAC website. Please see https://www.naadac.org/assets/2416/nccap_ncprss_test-exempt_application_032018.pdf.

What is your position on requiring PRSS employees to have supervision from someone knowledgeable about peer recovery support? I ask because I see many people in roles with sober organizations doing what looks like counseling, not peer support, but calling it peer or life coaching.

A: NAADAC/NCC AP's position is that each PRSS employee should be supervised by a person (s) who hold skills in the following areas: Peer Recovery, Clinical Support with competency in clinical skills including co-occurring disorders, and Administrative support. These may be all found in one supervisor or several supervisors. Each area is relevant to the

supervision of the PRSS employee.

How is this license different from the Recovery Coach certification or the CRPA?

A: Recovery Coaches and Certified Recovery Peer Advocates criteria is state dependent and may or may not be the same as the NPRSS. NCC AP created national credentials for NCPRSS in order to unify and clarify the criteria and scope of practice for the Peers.

Is this license recognized in New York State by OASAS?

A: The NCPRSS is a certification and not a license. In the State of New York, we are having conversations to recognize the NCPRSS as an “advanced credential” for Peers. Information regarding progress on recognition of the NCPRSS will be forthcoming.

Does this CE count for ethics?

A: No. NAADAC has a new series of 6 hours on Ethics on our website as well as other Ethics webinars that are available.

What if you already have 4000 clinical hours accumulated through 3 different addiction treatment facilities..3 degrees in psychology and 3 different ethics classes totaling 9 credits; Am I eligible to be licensed?

A: This is a Peer Recovery Support credential. The key elements are peer recovery for the individual applying, peer experiential hours and peer specific training. Each applicant needs to determine if they meet these key elements.

Who can we contact directly for any questions/concerns about meeting requirements?

A: Please contact Donna Croy at the NAADAC office by email at dcroy@naadac.org.

Just to clarify I work as a peer mentor for the treatment facility that I completed back in February. Would this time count towards my 200 hours?

A: Treatment time does not count for recovery support experiential hours.

This question may not concern everyone here, however, many former addicts, including myself, have some history of criminal activity. Specifically could be a convicted felon and meet the criteria we covered. What is the process for determining eligibility and is this on a case by case basis?

A: It may be limiting if the state in which you practice has regulations regarding criminal convictions. Please check with your state authority for substance use disorders. You may also check with your state authority if they have a waiver regulation.

Can my hours from CAC1 and two qualify and plus, I am Registered Psychotherapist?

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If you do not qualify do you get the money back?

A: No, the fee is non-refundable due to the administrative work to review the application.

Do volunteer hours in a homeless kitchen environment, where there is much interaction/support of the addicted homeless?

A: If this time was supervised by an eligible Peer Supervisor and documented, then it could be included in the hours.

I continue to struggle mightily, (with my NCPRSS application) regarding the HIV and blood pathogens requirement. I recently received an email from NAADAC on these topics. Thank you. Over six hours of webinar training. I watched the first one, and could not take the quiz. Is there a link you could forward to me please, where I could watch each webinar, and then each quiz? (If you need to be discreet in your response to me, of course I understand, I do not want to get in the way of this webinar).

A: The webinar series is set as it is, sorry for this being troubling for your process.

If a person has already been certified in their state why would they need to have the national certification? If they are already certified in by their state can they take the test for free and forgo the state required testing?

A: A person may choose the national credential as it sets a national standard that may be recognized by 3rd party payers (Optum recognizes this credential and we are working for similar recognition with other 3rd part payers), as well as it identifies this credential to the public and to national legislators.

I am currently a full-time student finishing my Associate's degree in human Services Addictions. Next semester I begin a Psychology Bachelor's program. Do these courses count as CE's? Do internship hours count as CEs?

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I am a certified peer but I am employed as a certified SUD counselor and my supervision is as a SUD counselor. I am not supervised as a peer but I plan to be a peer after I retire in a few years. Could my Clinical Supervisor verify the peer support I provide?

A: Yes, as long as they are able to document the peer recovery support supervision.

Does gambling addiction qualify as a co-occurring mental health disorder?

A: Yes.

I completed a 60 hour online course in gambling addiction. How do I know how many course hours will be accepted to fulfill educational requirements?

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Do we have to have one training for each category listed on page 3 under education record?

A: No, however, whatever training is received must include those elements in order to be eligible for this credential.

How would the CCAR Recovery Coach Academy 30 CEUs break down for the categories?

A: Since this is not NAADAC's or NCC AP's curriculum, we suggest you ask CCAR how their curriculum fits into the national credential requirements.

What if the applicant is self employed and owns the company?

A: . All Recovery Support Specialist needs to have at least a consulting supervisor.

Does Medicaid accept the application?

A: This is state dependent – please check with your State Authority.

I am and have been a NAADAC certified counselor for many years-have been a counselor for 25 years and am currently working in the field. Why do I want a peer credential?

A: It is the person's preference if they are in recovery and meet the requirements, if they want this credential. One must determine this once they determine if they meet the criteria. This certification may be useful if the state you are working in requires a peer credential to bill for this type of service. Thank you for your service of 25 years as an NCC AP Certified Counselor we value your dedication.

What is the difference between Peer support specialist and Peer Recovery specialist or are they the same?

A: They may be the same, based on the eligibility requirements in the state. Please check with your State Authority. This is one of the major reasons why NCC AP created a national credential in order to have a standardized title and criteria in order to reduce confusion, poor recognition and reimbursement.