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## **The New York Certification Board Announces New Certified Recovery Peer Advocate-Provisional (CRPA-P) Certification**

The New York Certification Board is pleased to announce the launch of the **Certified Recovery Peer Advocate-Provisional (CRPA-P)** certification. Effective June 1, 2016, OASAS has approved the NYCB to offer the **CRPA-P** to candidates interested in completing all of the requirements for the **Certified Recovery Peer Advocate (CRPA)** and currently working or volunteering in a peer support role. OASAS recently announced that **CRPA-Ps** have been approved to receive Medicaid reimbursement for peer services in OASAS outpatient settings should services meet all requirements for reimbursement by Medicaid APG rates and HCBS services. For more information, please visit the OASAS website for details.

The **CRPA-P** will be offered by the NYCB in June 2016 and will be issued to eligible candidates for 2 years without renewal. Candidates will be expected to complete all CRPA requirements prior to the expiration of their **CRPA-P**. For information about the CRPA, please visit the NYCB website.

### **The CRPA-Provisional standards:**

- 1) **Eligibility** – Be at least 18 years of age.
- 2) **Education** – Hold a minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent
- 3) **Training** – Complete at a minimum 46 Hours of Education related to the NYCB Peer Recovery (PR) domains, with 10 hours each in the domain of Advocacy, Mentoring/Education and Recovery/Wellness Support and 16 hours in the domain of Ethical Responsibility.
- 4) **Work/Volunteer Experience** – Candidates must be employed and/or volunteering in a position as a Peer Advocate where appropriate supervision will be available.
- 5) **Code of Ethical Conduct** – Endorse the NYCB Code of Ethical Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures
- 6) **Upgrade to CRPA certification** – Attests to the intent to complete all requirements for the CRPA certification (Work/volunteer experience, supervision and passing of the NYCB/IC&RC examination) within 24 months.

***The CRPA-Provisional application will be available on the NYCB website in June 2016.***

For questions about the CRPA-P, please visit [www.nycertboard.org](http://www.nycertboard.org) or contact the NYCB office for assistance.

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