



## Six Steps to CRPA

<http://www.asapnys.org/ny-certification-board/certified-recovery-peer-advocate-crpa/>

*The Medicaid-billable Peer Recovery Certification in New York State*

### 1. Training Scholarships

OASAS-funded training scholarships (limited) are available for highly motivated candidates. Details and application at FOR-NY (<https://for-ny.org/crpa-scholarships/>)

### 2. Training:

Two options for training:

(a) Register under the FOR-NY training scholarship program

**or**

(b) Enroll with one of the trainings listed on the FOR-NY upcoming trainings website - <https://for-ny.org/upcoming-trainings/> (regularly updated)

A total of 46 hours NYCB-approved training is required, typically delivered as two courses - the CCAR Recovery Coach Academy (30 hours) and Peer Ethics (16 hours). This coursework may be completed direct with the Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery, if preferred - <https://addictionrecoverytraining.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/2019-SCHEDULE-1.pdf>

Trainers will issue training certificates on completion of this coursework; these training certificates are required documentation for professional certification application, as is a High School Diploma.

### 3. Work:

Upon completion of training, candidates are now "CRPA-Provisional eligible," and eligible to apply for certification as soon as they are employed in the non-clinical peer role - a job, internship, voluntary, full/part time, paid/unpaid (in an agency or community-based program; does not have to be OASAS-licensed). Only non-clinical peer role work experience qualifies, and candidates cannot be CRPA-Provisional approved unless/until they are working in the peer role.

The value to the employer of CRPA-Provisional is that these services become immediately Medicaid-billable by the agency (not the individual; individuals do not bill Medicaid).

Candidates with 500 hours past/present experience of working in the peer role bypass CRPA-Provisional and apply direct for full CRPA. Treatment experience or mutual aid sponsorship hours do not count.

### 4. Professional Certification:

Download and fill-out the relevant application form at - <http://www.asapnys.org/ny-certification-board/nycb-certifications/>. Expect 4-6 weeks to process professional certification applications, including confirmation of information supplied, after which applications are brought to the New York Certification Board, meeting in quorum, for approval.

### 5. Ethical Conduct:

Please note that adherence to the NYCB Code of Ethical Conduct is required for certification - see download at <http://www.asapnys.org/ny-certification-board/>. Ethical complaints are taken very seriously and, depending on the severity of the breach of ethics, may result in permanent suspension of certification and loss of career.

This professional compliance is separate from any employer behavioral policies and procedures, or the law.

### 6. CRPA Upgrade:

Please note that, within twenty-four months, candidates must complete 500 hours peer role experience and upgrade to full CRPA (which includes passing the Peer Recovery exam) - see details and instructions at <http://www.asapnys.org/ny-certification-board/crpa-upgrade/>. CRPA-P is non-renewable, and failure to meet this undertaking will result in loss of certification and, with it, the employer's ability to bill Medicaid.



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