



Professional Certification in Peer Recovery

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Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Providers of New York State
A 501(c)3 Organization - Certifying the Peer Recovery Profession

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[Recovery is] “A process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their full potential.”

- SAMHSA, 2011

<http://www.samhsa.gov/recovery>



Peer Recovery is based on the professional's:

Experience coming from a personal history of, or exposure to, (i) substance use disorder, (ii) the process of change, and (iii) a sustainable life in recovery

Expertise requiring application of that knowledge to the skill of helping others establish, and live in, their own definition and pathway of recovery across a lifetime

Peer Recovery Professionals add unique value to the continuum of care, improve efficacy and outcomes, and build recovery capital by engaging in purposeful conversations:

- Leveraging experience – *“I’ve been there, maybe I can help?”*
- Bringing expertise to purposeful conversations – *“How can I help you with your recovery today?”*
- Navigating systems to connect treatment and therapy clients with recovery resources – *“Take my hand and let’s walk this journey together?”*

➤ **Peer Recovery Profession:**

- *Education* | *practice-specific*
- *Ethics* | *profession-specific*
- *Board certification* | *role-specific*

➤ **Purpose & Practice:**

Building Recovery Capital by

- *Sharing experience through communications expertise*
- *Communicating skillfully in purposeful conversations*
- *Advocating for efficacy and resources*

➤ **Certified Roles in NYS:**

- Certified Recovery Peer Advocate (CRPA)(Medicaid)
- Certified Addiction Recovery Coach (CARC)

What is Certification



- Certification is a voluntary credentialing process in support of career building goals. Certification confirms that certificants have met all published requirements for the credential and demonstrated their ability to perform this professional role competently and ethically.
- Certification in non-clinical Peer Recovery (all CRPA; CARC) is offered by ASAP-NYCB, a non-governmental organization.
- In NYS, Medicaid regulations require professionals to hold a CRPA (or CRPA-P), and/or CRPA-F or CPRA-Y, certification for employment in a reimbursable peer recovery job. CARC is not relevant to Medicaid-reimbursable jobs.
- Certification is NOT a license. Licenses, issued in NYS by OASAS, grant the mandatory legal authority required for a designated scope of clinical/technical practice.

Certification is a Means, not an End



“How does professional certification serve my goals?”

Purpose of Certification

- To be identifiable as a professional in a specified peer recovery role (peer advocate and/or recovery coach)
- To get a Medicaid-reimbursable job (CRPA)
- To support a non-Medicaid career (CARC)

Value of Certification

- Confirms certificant is, in the opinion of the certifying Board, a competent and ethical professional
- Advertises the certificant’s role competencies (knowledge, skills and abilities), promoting *transparency of practice*
- Ensures ethical practice, holding the certificant *accountable to the profession’s* published Code of Ethical Conduct

Accountability



New York Certification Board
Code of Ethical Conduct
& Disciplinary Procedures

A photograph of a woman with long, wavy brown hair, wearing a black blazer over a white top. She is standing in a brightly lit hallway with several colorful doors (blue, yellow, pink, green, light blue, red) in the background. She is looking off to the side with a thoughtful expression.

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The image shows two logos side-by-side. On the left is the ASAPNYS logo, which features a stylized green and blue network of nodes and lines. On the right is the The New York Certification Board logo, which features a similar network design with the text 'The New York Certification Board' below it.

NYCB has adopted this Code of Ethical Conduct, to be applied to all professionals certified by, or seeking certification by, the Board. All individuals are subject to the Code from date of application.

The Code exists for the protection of consumers and to maintain the integrity and professionalism of the field.

The Board is committed to investigating and sanctioning those who breach this Code.

Peer Recovery Certification Team



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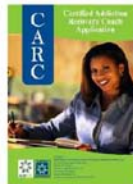
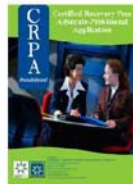
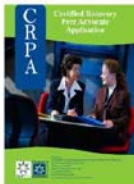
- Certified Recovery Peer Advocate (CRPA)
- CRPA-Provisional (CRPA-P)
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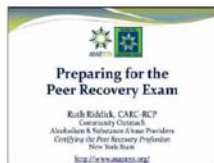


NYCB Code of Ethical Conduct
for CRPA, CRPA-P, CARC

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