



Six Steps to CRPA

Certified Recovery Peer Advocate—The Medicaid-billable Peer Recovery Certification in New York State

1. Scholarships

For latest information on scholarships administered by FOR-NY, please see <https://for-ny.org/crpa-scholarships/>.

2. Training:

A total of 46 hours ASAP-NYCB-approved training is required. This foundational training is typically delivered as two separate courses - the CCAR Recovery Coach Academy (30 hours) and Peer Ethics (16 hours); or as a single custom-designed curriculum. For details of approved training for initial certifications, together with enrollment links and trainer profiles, please see <http://www.asapnys.org/ny-certification-board/nycb-approved-training>.

Please confirm from the trainer that the training you apply for is approved for peer recovery certification. Trainers will issue training certificates on completion of this coursework; these training completion certificates must include their personalized training approval badge. We do not accept third-party paperwork (from training product vendors, etc.).

3. CRPA-Provisional:

Upon completion of training, candidates are eligible to apply for CRPA-Provisional. The primary value of CRPA-Provisional is that holders of any CRPA certification are eligible for peer role employment in Medicaid-reimbursable jobs across New York state. The certification, however, is time-bound: no extension or renewal; expires after 24 months, even if you need it to stay employed.

Candidates for CRPA-Provisional do not need to be working in the role at time of application to be eligible. Candidates must, however, meet the experiential and educational standards of the certification. See details on the homepage and in the certification application at <http://www.asapnys.org/ny-certification-board/>.

CRPA-Provisional is NOT required to build the peer recovery role experience required for full CRPA.

Role experience is defined as: "*experience in the non-clinical, one-to-one, purposeful conversations designed to support individuals building (SUD) recovery capital. (Quasi-clinical or other activities are not applicable.) The engagement may be voluntary and/or paid; full and/or part-time; in a job and/or community setting; wherever the role is being utilized; or a mix of some or all.*"

Please note that the CRPA-Provisional certification expires after 24 months. The certification is non-renewable and cannot be extended. If applying for CRPA-Provisional, please be confident that you will be able to complete 500 hours role experience, plus pass the associated competency-based IC&RC Peer Recovery exam, within this non-negotiable timeframe.

Please apply to NYCB Certification staff to schedule the IC&RC Peer Recovery exam while you are CRPA-Provisional. Only certificants may schedule the exam.

4. CRPA:

Eligible candidates with 500 hours past/present peer role experience may bypass CRPA-Provisional and apply immediately for full CRPA - instructions and application at <http://www.asapnys.org/ny-certification-board/>. The exam will be scheduled after Board approval of your application.

5. Professional Certification:

Online applications, together with submission instructions, are available at <http://www.asapnys.org/ny-certification-board/>. Expect 4-6 weeks to process professional certification applications, including confirmation of the supplied information. The New York Certification Board, meeting in quorum, regularly reviews and approves qualified applicants.

Upon approval for CRPA, candidates will be invited to schedule the required role competency-based IC&RC Peer Recovery exam, unless the candidate has already passed the exam while CRPA-Provisional. An optional ASAP Peer Recovery Exam Prep workshop is now available online at <https://tinyurl.com/ASAP-exam-prep-online>. Information about IC&RC is at <https://internationalcredentialing.org/> - check under "Peer Recovery."

Certification confirms role competence. For details of CRPA competencies, please see the *Knowledge, Skills & Abilities* inventory posted at <http://www.asapnys.org/ny-certification-board/certified-recovery-peer-advocate-crpa/>. Current status as an NYCB certificant is verifiable on the ASAP-NYCB website at <http://www.asapnys.org/verify-nycb-certification/>.

Certification is **not** a license (licensing is not required for peer recovery), nor a character reference, nor a guarantee of employment, nor a scope of work. Certification simply confirms competence in the certified role per approved role training, confirmed field experience in the role, and a passing grade in the exam.

6. Ethical Conduct:

Please note that adherence to the ASAP-NYCB Code of Ethical Conduct is required for certification - download at <http://www.asapnys.org/ny-certification-board/>. Candidates are covered by this code from date of their certification application, not from when they're later approved. Ethical complaints are invited from stakeholders and fully investigated. Depending on the severity of the alleged breach of ethics, a complaint may result in permanent suspension of certification and loss of career.

This professional standard is separate from any issues or penalties arising from an employer's in-house policies and procedures, any judgment of the Justice Center (<https://www.justicecenter.ny.gov>), and any applicable law.



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