CRPA Certification Application
What do "*experience*" and "*supervision*" mean?

For professional certification, ***experience*** is in the role (not necessarily of a job); ***supervision*** is role oversight (not necessary by agency management):

Role Experience for CRPA candidates

The purpose of certification is to confirm that certificants are competent in the specified role knowledge, skills and abilities - see peer recovery inventory at http://www.asapnys.org/ny-certification-board/certified-recovery-peer-advocate-crpa/ (scroll to bottom of right-hand sidebar). It is the responsibility of the certifying Board to ensure, as best possible, that training programs prepare candidates for these role competencies. Accordingly, details of the updated ASAP-NYCB Training Approval Program will be rolled-out in the coming weeks.

It is also the responsibility of the certifying Board to establish benchmarks (or standards) which confirm, to its satisfaction, a candidate's competence. To meet certification standards for CRPA, one of these standards is that candidates must complete 500 hours role experience: that is, 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.

Role Supervision of CRPA candidates

The role in which the candidate is building this experience will be subject to some form of oversight (referred to as "supervision") - that is, oversight by a project manager, community organizer, priest-in-charge, responsible person. These overseers, who do not need to be credentialed and may themselves be volunteers, simply attest that the candidate is/was, in fact, engaged in the peer recovery role over some 25 hours of this responsible person's direct oversight.

Remember: Certification is about the role (purpose and ethics), not about the job (organizational procedures).