



IC&RC Peer Recovery Exam for CRPA Certification Frequently Asked Questions | May 2021

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Question	Answer
Where can I sign up for the Peer Recovery exam?	Only applicants who hold a CRPA-Provisional certification, or have an approved CRPA or Upgrade to CRPA application on file with the NYCB are eligible to take the PR exam. Candidates must be preregistered by NYCB staff before they can sign up for the exam.
How much does the exam cost?	The exam costs \$80 and must be paid in advance of registering.
I have a CRPA-P. Can I take the exam before I finish my 500 hours role experience?	Yes! Current CRPA-Provisionals are eligible to take the exam any time during their 24-month certification period. (CRPA-P is non-renewable and cannot be extended.) Candidates must pay the \$80 fee in advance and email either Elisabeth Kranson (ekranson@asapnys.org) or Cathie Gifford (cgifford@asapnys.org) requesting to be preregistered.
I submitted my application for CRPA or Upgrade to CRPA. When can I take the exam?	CRPA or Upgrade to CRPA applicants are automatically preregistered for the exam once their certification application has been approved by the NYCB. Candidates then have up to 1 year to register, schedule and take the exam. Their non-refundable exam fee expires after 1 year.
I have paid the \$80 fee. How do I register for the exam?	As soon as they've been preregistered by NYCB, candidates will receive an email from the testing company, SMT/Prometric, with instructions on how to register for a convenient time/place to take the exam. If you did not receive an email from the testing company, please contact Elisabeth Kranson (ekranson@asapnys.org). (Be sure to check your spam folder as well!)
Will I receive a CRPA-Provisional certification while I am waiting to take the exam?	No. CRPA-Provisional certification and waiting to take an exam are two separate processes.
Can I take the exam online?	No. The exam is only given in-person at proctored exam sites.
Is the exam only available in English?	Yes. The exam is only available in English at this time.
Is there a list of exam sites?	No. Candidates will choose a location to take the exam once they have received the instructions from SMT/Prometric. The system will provide a list of the closest testing center sites to the candidate's zip code. Please note: <u><i>NYCB staff does not have a list of testing center sites.</i></u>
Can I take the exam outside of the state of New York?	Yes. The exam is offered nationwide and candidates can take the exam anywhere in the United States. The exam results are recognized nationally.
Will I be certified once I pass the exam?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRPA-P: No. You must still submit the Upgrade to CRPA application and be approved by the Board before your 24-month certification expires. • Upgrade to CRPA: Yes, if your application has already been approved by the Board. • CRPA: Yes. Only Board-approved candidates are preregistered for the exam.
What happens if I fail the exam?	There is a mandatory 90-day waiting period for anyone who fails the exam. Additionally, candidates must submit an additional \$80 fee and email NYCB staff asking to be preregistered again.
How many times can someone take the exam?	Candidates can take the exam as many times as necessary, but they must pay the \$80 fee for every attempt.
Will my CRPA-Provisional certification be extended if I fail the exam?	No. The 24-month CRPA-Provisional certification is not renewable or extendable, so candidates are encouraged to take the exam (and submit the Upgrade to CRPA application) well before their CRPA-P expires.
How can I prepare for the IC&RC Peer Recovery exam?	<p>NYCB will send Candidate Exam Guides when candidates are preregistered. Also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check out "Peer Recovery" at the IC&RC website at https://internationalcredentialing.org/ • The ASAP Peer Recovery Exam Prep Workshop is offered online at https://tinyurl.com/ASAP-exam-prep-online

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Registration Fee: \$10 covers hosting costs

Questions? Ruth Riddick, riddick@asapnys.org



Want to take the Exam?



- ✓ You have applied to the New York Certification Board for CRPA (or are currently CRPA-Provisional and preparing your CRPA Upgrade)
- ✓ You have already completed, or are in the process of completing, 500 hours peer advocate role experience in the field (job, volunteer, internship, community work, etc.)
- ✓ You have completed 46 hours of ASAP-NYCB-approved peer recovery training (check with your trainer to confirm training approval status)
- ✓ You have a High School Diploma / equivalent / or higher
- ✓ You are 18 years (or older)
- ✓ You're just interested!

The filmed workshop with Ruth Riddick, Lori Drescher and Lisa Nichols:

- Revisits core concepts from practice-specific education
- Explores individual attitudes and concerns regarding taking the exam
- Demonstrates motivational interviewing skills
- Outlines the purpose and process of the exam
- Implements a real-time sample test
- Recommends options for further study

