



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 check back to <https://for-ny.org/crpa-scholarships/>. Scholarships for 2021 are no longer available.

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 trainer profiles and contact information, please see <http://www.asapnys.org/ny-certification-board/nycb-approved-training>.

Please confirm from the trainer that the training you register 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 ASAP-NYCB training approval badge. We do not accept third-party paperwork (e.g. from training product developers/vendors, etc.).

3. CRPA-Provisional:

Upon completion of training, candidates are eligible to apply for CRPA-Provisional if they meet age and primary education requirements. The key 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 (OASAS licensed agencies). The certification, however, is time-bound: 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 other standards of the certification (age, school). See details on our 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. Please see our homepage for *Role Experience & Supervision* guidelines, <http://www.asapnys.org/ny-certification-board/> (“New Applicants”).

Please note that the CRPA-Provisional certification expires after 24 months. You must Upgrade to CRPA within that timeframe. 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, including twenty-five (25) hours of being supervised, *plus* pass the associated competency-based IC&RC Peer Recovery exam, within 24 months.

Please apply to ASAP-NYCB Certification staff to pre-register you for the IC&RC Peer Recovery exam while you are CRPA-Provisional. Only current certificants in good standing may be pre-registered for the exam.

4. CRPA:

Eligible candidates with 500 hours past/present peer advocate role experience may bypass CRPA-Provisional and apply immediately for full CRPA - instructions and application at <http://www.asapnys.org/ny-certification-board/>. Certification staff will pre-register you for the exam after Board approval of your application. Certification is awarded by ASAP-NYCB upon successful completion of the exam.

5. Professional Certification Procedures:

Online applications, together with submission instructions, are available at <http://www.asapnys.org/ny-certification-board/>. Applications will only be reviewed when the application steps are complete and the application fee has been paid. Expect 4 weeks to process complete certification applications. ASAP-New York Certification Board, meeting in quorum, reviews and approves qualified applicants on a monthly basis.

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 as a 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* posted at the homepage, <http://www.asapnys.org/ny-certification-board/>. Current status as an ASAP-NYCB certificant is verifiable at <http://www.asapnys.org/verify-nycb-certification/>.

Certification is **not** a license (licensing is not required for peer recovery professionals), nor a scope of work. It is not a character reference, nor a guarantee of employment. 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 the date of their certification application (not from when they’re later approved). Ethical complaints are invited from stakeholders, and are fully investigated. Depending on the severity of the alleged breach of ethics, a complaint may result in permanent suspension of certification and loss of a peer recovery 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>), or any applicable law.



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