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ASAP Peer Recovery (PR) Exam-Prep w/shop

<https://tinyurl.com/ASAP-exam-prep-online>

Wherever you are in the certification process, you are invited to access our popular exam-prep workshop. This (optional) workshop is a self-directed review of the IC&RC Peer Recovery Exam and its content, including a sample test in real time. You have to pass the test to become CRPA (not CRPA-Provisional)

Originally offered in the community, the workshop pivoted to Zoom in 2020. To meet current levels of demand, we've adapted December's Zoom recording for our online learning management system.

Your lifetime access fee of \$10 covers the cash costs to ASAP of providing this product and platform.



Meet Cathie Gifford

ASAP-NYCB Program Associate



"I'm really glad I'm doing what I'm doing!," says **Cathie Gifford**, who joined the ASAP-NYCB Certification Team in July 2017 and has become a familiar voice to so many applicants since then.

Cathie is responsible for customer service, processing applications, maintaining departmental financial records and providing other staff support.

"It's my job to be there for those who need the explanation, the phone call, a positive word of encouragement. I'm a happy camper when I know someone has their problem solved, understand something better, and ultimately get certified."

[READ OUR INTERVIEW WITH CATHIE HERE](#)

ASAP-NYCB Certification Team





NEW! Certemy FAQs



Question	Answer
How do I apply for a new certification using Certemy?	Individual links for each of our applications can be found on the right side column of our homepage: https://www.asapnycb.org/certification/faq/ . We strongly encourage you to read the account step-by-step instructions for each application prior to clicking on the application link. You should only use these links once to enroll the individual application into your Certemy account. To access your account in the future, use the standard link: https://www.certemy.com/verify/apply
How do I access my account?	Use the link: https://www.certemy.com/verify/apply . You will need your email address and password. If you cannot access your account, please email support@certemy.com
Where is my current certification information in Certemy?	You can verify your current information on our website at: https://www.asapnycb.org/verify/apply/certification/ . You will not find information about your current certification in your Certemy account. Your Certemy account is for new certification applications only. You are welcome to upload copies of certificates into your Digital Wallet for future use and downloading.
When will my application be reviewed?	Applications will only be reviewed when all steps of the application have been completed, including submitting the appropriate fee. The application approval process can take up to 4 weeks for complete applications.
Are things trouble with my Certemy account, what should I do?	Please email support@certemy.com if you cannot access your account or you are having other technical issues. NYCB staff are still available to answer certification process questions. Email a link the best option since we are mostly working from home. Please email Cathie Gillard at cathie@asapnycb.org or Elisabeth Kranson at elkranson@asapnycb.org
I have part of a paper application completed. Can I submit that?	We will not accept paper applications. If this is complete, Certemy does not allow for a combination of paper and computer submissions. Please email your completed PDF application to cathie@asapnycb.org
Part of my Certemy application has been required, what do I do?	Please follow the instructions on the email you received during your application step was rejected. You can re-submit the requested information, which will be reviewed.
My agency is sending a check for my application and/or exam fees. How does that work in Certemy?	In the fee step of any application, there is an option to pay by check. Please place a "1" by the correct fee and click "3" Party Payment". Please provide a note about who is sending the check on your behalf. We will verify the payment once the check has been received.
My agency will be paying by credit card for my application and/or exam fees. How does that work?	In the fee step of any application, there is an option for someone else to pay your fee. Please place a "1" by the correct fee and click "3" Party Payment". Please provide a note about who is paying the fee on your behalf. We will verify the payment once the payment confirmation has been received.
I received a scholarship from FDM-BI to pay for my fee. How can I show that in Certemy?	As with check or credit card payments, please indicate in the notes under "3" Party Payment" that you have received a scholarship. Please upload a copy of your resolution from FDM-BI into your "Digital Wallet" in Certemy or email a copy to Cathie Gillard at cathie@asapnycb.org
How do I receive both my CPA and CABC certifications?	You need to fill out both the CPA and CABC renewal credentials in Certemy. When it comes to the fee step, pay \$75 each by credit card or send in a check or money order for \$150. Please put a note in the "3" Party Payment" section that you are sending a check or money order so we know to watch for it.

"It's been 3 months since we transitioned our application process online using Certemy, and we hope it has been beneficial for our current certified professionals, as well as for new applicants," says **Elisabeth Kranson**, ASAP-NYCB Director of Certification. "As Cathie says in her interview, it has been a learning curve for everyone - for applicants and for us!"

Elisabeth and Cathie have developed this list of answers to the most common questions coming from certification applicants since the launch, and they hope this document will help applicants effectively navigate the application process. Click [here](#) to download Certemy FAQs.

Christal Montague joins the ASAP-NYCB Board



Christal Montague, Chief Strategy Officer at Outreach. "I'm absolutely committed to growing the peer workforce," says Christal. "And I want to be part of the tremendous level of advocacy and support ASAP is providing." In addition to her multi-disciplinary teams experience with substance use disorder, Christal is experienced with affordable housing, and HIV/AIDS programs.

"We're thrilled she's joining us," says **Roy Kearse**, ASAP-NYCB Board President.

Read more about Christal Montague [here](#)

ASAP's John Coppola introduces Sober St. Patrick's Day

Sober St. Patrick's Day marks its 10th anniversary on March 17 with a Global Virtual Celebration. ASAP's Executive Director, **John Coppola**, will be there in an official role. Recipient of the event's 2018 Emerald Spirit Award honoring professionals working with families in recovery, he has served as Board Treasurer ever since.

Founder, **William Spencer Reilly**, explains the event's purpose as being "to reclaim the true spirit of St. Patrick's Day by changing the perception and experience from an occasion for binge drinking and other misuse of alcohol to a celebration of the richness of Irish culture and the legacy of St. Patrick."

For more information, visit: <https://www.soberstpatricksdays.org/>



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