

E-News for Peer Recovery Professionals

ASAP-NYCB | May 2021

- **NEW**-Veteran Supported Recovery Orientation training module launched
- **NEW**-Certification Team issues Supervision advisory for CRPA applicants
- Meet Doug Rosenberry, Certification Development
- ASAP Summit: "Achieving Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Behavioral Health for New York State" is scheduled for June 24
- Trainers meet to discuss "500 hours CRPA Role Experience - What is it Good For?"

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Veteran Supported Recovery Orientation Module-5 Hours

The VSR Orientation Module gives non-Veterans a more complete understanding of military culture, jargon and values.



In recognition of Memorial Day, ASAP is honored to launch the Veteran Supported Recovery (VSR) Training Orientation Module on our online learning management platform.

Developed in response to demand from the field, first voiced at the 2019 ASAP Veterans Summit, Veteran Supported Recovery (VSR) is a new peer specialty certification for professionals interested in offering specialized peer support to Veterans.

VSR will formally launch in July to celebrate Independence Day. In the meantime, you are invited to complete the Orientation Module, a certification prerequisite for non-Veterans.

We gratefully acknowledge the support of



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Meet Doug Rosenberry

Certification Development

the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation for invaluable financial support.

Please [click here](#) for details from the pre-launch VSR-FAQs, and [here](#) for the VSR webpage at ASAP. Watch this space for updates in July.

Finally, mark your calendars for the 2021 ASAP Veterans Summit on **Wednesday, November 3** - details to be announced.



[Click here for the VSR Orientation Training Module here](#)



Before joining ASAP, **Doug Rosenberry** enjoyed a distinguished public service career supporting professional training and certification in the substance use disorder field, notably introducing CASAC in 1996.

As recipient of the **IC&RC** Presidential Leadership Award, Doug has been adding unique expertise to peer recovery certification at ASAP for more than five years.

Most recently, he's been deeply involved in developing the Veteran Supported Recovery specialty certification (VSR) formally launching in July.

[READ OUR INTERVIEW WITH DOUG HERE](#)

ASAP-NYCB Certification Team



NEW! Guidelines for supervisors looking to confirm CRPA applicant role experience in Certemy







Elisabeth Kranson, ASAP-NYCB Director of Certification, has announced practical guidelines for supervisors, program managers, mentors and other responsible authorities to prepare them for completing the **Role Experience & Supervision** form in CRPA and Upgrade to CRPA application forms. "Supervisors are struggling to understand the expectation," she says. "We thought it was important and timely to issue guidelines."

[Read the Advisory and Guidelines here](#)

ASAP-NYCB Trainer Register Member Roundtable to discuss learning potential of the CRPA 500 hours role experience requirement

Trainers - [FREE Registration here](#)
Event is a Trainer Registry Member benefit

CERTIFIED RECOVERY PEER ADVOCATE (CRPA)	
ROLE DEFINITION	CERTIFICATION STANDARDS
<p>"A peer advocate provides outreach, advocacy, mentoring, and recovery support services to those seeking or sustaining recovery." - International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC), 2013</p> <p>"[A peer advocate provides ...] outreach for engaging an individual to consider entering treatment, reinforcing current patients' engagement in treatment, and connecting patients to community-based recovery supports consistent with treatment/recovery and discharge plans." - OASAS, 2019</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18+ years • High School Diploma (or equivalent or higher) • 30 hours NYCB approved role training incorporating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy (10 hours) • Mentoring & Education (10 hours) • Recovery Wellness Support (10 hours) • 16 hours NYCB approved role training in Ethical Responsibility • 500 hours role experience, including 25 hours mentoring/supervision • IC&RC Peer Recovery Exam: passing grade in test of knowledge, skills, ability in 54 role competencies
  	

"We promised peer recovery trainers statewide that the New York Certification Board wants to hear their expert voices and perspective," says **Ruth Riddick** who manages the **ASAP-NYCB Trainer Registry**. "Having this influential platform is a prime benefit of registry membership."

Accordingly, members meet at the inaugural Trainer Registry Roundtable on June 10 to discuss the potential, and their recommendations, for strengthening the learning value of role experience required for CRPA certification.



"The purpose of role experience is to build on foundational training by actually doing the role for real in a treatment agency or in the community," says **Jason Page**, convener of the ASAP-NYCB Trainer Program Governance Sub-Committee. "The 500 hours role experience is meant to be a learning experience (or practicum), an extension of the classroom." "We're finding that a lot of CRPA-Provisionals and their supervisors really don't understand that purpose," adds **Elisabeth Kranson**, NYCB Director of Certification, who has just launched guidelines on the issue (see story above), and will represent NYCB at the event.

"Trainers share these concerns," says **Lori Drescher** of Recovery Coach University who also serves on the governance sub-committee. "As trainers, we understand that role competence doesn't begin and end with the 46 hours foundational training." Drescher continued, "We also see that, as trainers, we have a part to play in ensuring that field experience builds the skills, competence and capabilities of the certified role."

The Trainer Registry Roundtable will consist of a members-only trainer-facilitated conversation. Recommendations from the discussions will be formally presented to a future meeting of the New York Certification Board at ASAP.

ASAP Executive Director, **John Coppola**, will welcome attending trainer registry members. "This is the first of what we hope will be an occasional series of productive conversations with the professional peer recovery trainer community," says Coppola. "Trainers are undoubtedly one of the field's most important assets."

Stakeholders with an interest in developing guidelines for extending role learning through experience are invited to submit proposals and recommendations to the Trainer Registry Roundtable. Please email submissions and queries to Ruth

Riddick at rriddick@asapnys.org.

Details of the **Certified Recovery Peer Advocate (CRPA)** role competencies may be found [here](#).

Details of the **ASAP-NYCB Trainer Registry & Training Approval Program** may be found [here](#).

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