



CRPA Certification Guide (Medicaid-reimbursable positions)

Two Paths

Option 1 – CRPA Provisional followed by Upgrade
Total Cost is \$230

Option 2 – CRPA (skip CRPA-P)
Total Cost is \$180

CRPA-Provisional Certification Requirements:

- 18+ years
- Live or work at least 51% of the time within NY State (at the time of application & testing)
- High School Diploma (or jurisdictionally certified high school equivalency or higher education)
- 46 hours of NYCB-approved role training specific to the Peer Recovery (PR) domains (see below for details) and 4 hours of Medication Supported Recovery training.

Important Information for CRPA-Provisional candidates:

- **The CRPA-Provisional is a one-time only certification and is only valid for 24 months during which time one must complete the upgrade process. It is NOT eligible for renewal or extension.**
- CRPA-Provisionals are immediately eligible to take the IC&RC Peer Recovery (PR) exam for CRPA certification. Please contact NYCB staff for more information.
- Advantage: candidates can be certified before meeting all CRPA requirements listed below.

Upgrade to CRPA Certification Requirements:

- Complete 500 hours of supervised volunteer or paid work experience specific to the PR domains.
- Receive 25 hours of mentoring/supervision specific to the PR domains. Supervision must be provided by an organization's documented and qualified supervisory staff per job description.
- Receive a passing score on the IC&RC Peer Recovery (PR) Exam.

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Important Information for CRPA applicants:

- CRPA candidates will not be certified until they pass the IC&RC Peer Recovery (PR) exam and **will not be given a CRPA-Provisional while they are waiting to take the exam.**
- Advantage: candidates can save \$50 in total fees by skipping the provisional step.

CRPA certification is valid for 3 years. Certificate holders must meet the current renewal requirements every 3 years to maintain their certification.

Additional Important Information for CRPA/CRPA-Provisional Applicants:

- 46 hours of NYCB-approved role training specific to the PR domains with 10 hours in each of the domains of Advocacy, Mentoring/Education, and Recovery/Wellness Support, and 16 hours in Ethical Responsibility. An additional 4 hours of Medication Supported Recovery training is also required for a **total of 50 hours**.

Approved training typically includes the 30-hour CCAR Recovery Coach Academy or approved alternative, 16-hour Peer Ethics, and 4 hours of Medication Supported Recovery training. For lists of approved training for initial certifications, please see <http://www.asapnys.org/ny-certification-board/nycb-approved-training>.

- Both CRPA and CRPA-Provisional applicants must agree to abide by the NYCB Code of Ethical Conduct by signing a page in the CRPA and/or CRPA-Provisional application. A copy can be downloaded from the website at <http://www.asapnys.org/ny-certification-board/>. Candidates are covered by this code from the date of their certification application.