THE ROLE OF THE RECOVERY SPECIALIST

The Recovery Specialist is an individual with personal, lived experience of their own recovery. By offering insight into the recovery process, Recovery Specialists are able to share a unique perspective with those with similar life experiences. Recovery Specialists accept and agree that their experience as a person in recovery from a substance use disorder will be known by their colleagues, individuals served, and others with whom they may share that they have achieved this credential. The Recovery Specialist is a role model, mentor, advocate, and motivator. Recovery Specialists advocate for the individual, the recovery system and recovery-oriented services, and assist to identify and reduce stigma. Recovery Specialists advocate to eliminate barriers, increase natural supports, and build community. Services provided by the Recovery Specialist substantially improve an individual’s and a family’s ability to sustain recovery and wellness.

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CERTIFIED RECOVERY SPECIALIST TRAINING

FUNDING IS AVAILABLE THROUGH CAREERLINK (For those that qualify)
Certification:
Certification for recovery specialists are issued through the Pennsylvania Certification Board (PCB). To apply for certification, the Pennsylvania Certification Board (PCB) requires the following:

- High school diploma or GED
- Successful completion of the 78 hour CRS/CFRS Training Program
- (CRS) – At least 18 months of sustained personal lived recovery
- (CFRS) - History of lived experience of being directly impacted by family member’s or loved one’s substance use disorder

Is this Training Right for Me?
This training fulfills the 78 hour PCB approved education requirements for CRS and CFRS certification. Attendance at all sessions is required. In addition, individuals must be able to meet the educational and lived experience requirements in order to apply for certification.

Technology Requirements
- Be comfortable with computers, computer application, and other technology
- Ability to complete online homework (12 hours)
- Access to Laptop or desktop device. Mobile devices such as tablets and smartphones cannot be used.

Funding is available for the CRS training through the PA CAREERLINK® BERKS COUNTY for those who qualify.

Cost: $955 plus $20 administrative fee. Course runs on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6pm - 9pm

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Information gathered from the following websites:
pacertboard.org/recoveryspecialist
pacertboard.org/certifications