



CERTIFIED RECOVERY SPECIALIST Program (54 hours) **(Healthcare Education/Workforce Development and Continuing Education)** **HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College**

~ ~ This program is approved by the Pennsylvania Certification Board ~ ~

Upcoming Class: Tuesday, October 1, 2019 to Tuesday, December 3, 2019
(No class November 28 (Thanksgiving))

Participants in this course gain the knowledge and skills needed to achieve a fulfilling career helping others overcome addiction. This Pennsylvania Certification Board-approved course provides the student with the educational opportunity to become prepared to obtain certification as a Certified Recovery Specialist (CRS). The Certified Recovery Specialist can provide critical support to people in addition to treatment because of their real world experience living in recovery.

Effective April 1, 2017, the CRS credential will require the person applying for the CRS certification to have lived experience, to attest that they have had 18 months, in a continuous manner, of a personal lived recovery experience, and to provide a statement of lived experience as part of the CRS application process.

Upon Successful completion of the CRS course, the student will be able to:

- Describe public policy issues with respect to the opioid epidemic.
- Describe advocacy efforts for the use of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT).
- Describe education and advocacy efforts for the decriminalization or lessening of criminal penalties in relation to individuals suffering from Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), as well as other Substance Use Disorders (SUD).
- Describe the various levels of care in treating SUDs.
- Describe the differences between screening and assessment.
- Understand ethics and responsibility as it relates to various treatment modalities.
- Describe emerging trends and issues within the criminal justice system.
- Understand the disease model of addiction.
- Describe and understand early intervention, prevention and treatment for substance use disorders.
- Describe and understand causes of addiction and the stigma surrounding this disease.

Role and requirements of the CRS

- Recovery is a highly-individualized journey that is supported through counseling and the potential use of medication.
- The journey is a voluntary maintained lifestyle that includes the pursuit of spiritual, emotional, mental and physical well-being that is often supported by others.
- The CRS credential is for drug and alcohol peers in recovery who have been trained to help others move into and through the recovery process.
- As a CRS, an individual accepts and agrees that his/her experience as a person in recovery from a substance use condition will be known by their colleagues, persons served, and others with whom he/she may share that they have achieved this credential.
- A person with lived experience must attest that he/she has personal, lived recovery experience in a continuous manner for a minimum of 18 months to be eligible for the CRS credential.

Course Cost: \$1,095 (textbook and certification exam fee are not included in tuition cost)

Class Schedule and Location

- The next class is scheduled to run from Oct. 1 through Dec. 3, 2019.
- Classes are held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30p – 8:30p for 9 weeks
- No class on Thursday, November 28 (Thanksgiving)
- Course Number: 50514
- Class location: HACC Harrisburg, Midtown 1 Center (1523 N. 4th Street, Harrisburg, PA)
- Classroom: 226

Course content includes topics in:

- Recovery Management
- Education and Advocacy
- Professional Ethics and Responsibility
- Confidentiality
- And additional training topics relevant in the field of addiction

Student Education Requirements to sit for the CRS Certification Examination

High school diploma or GED required and must be documented. Degrees must be from an accredited college or university that is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or the Council on Higher Education Accreditation and can be provided in lieu of a high school diploma/GED.

Student must pass the PA Certification Board examination for Certified Recovery Specialists which is a cost that is not included in the CRS program tuition. Testing fees are as follows (and are subject to change):

- PA Certification Board CRS Certification Examination: \$125 (fee must accompany application and materials)
- Retest: \$75
- Exam Cancellation: \$75

Additional information about the CRS certification can be found on the PA Certification Board's website at <https://www.pacertboard.org/certifications>

Please note that HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College, is the education provider only and our training is one part of a larger process to become a successful CRS. Participants must meet all of the other requirements before being certified.

SCHOLARSHIPS MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO QUALIFY!

Go to www.hacc.edu/scholarships

(Click on "Types of Aid" on the left sidebar, then "Scholarships", then "Noncredit Scholarships". The essay must be no less than 250 words and no more than 500 words. Complete the scholarship application in one sitting and submit.)

You must apply for scholarships at least two weeks before classes begin.

PA Certification Board-related information is being provided for informational purposes only and may change. For the most current information, please access their website provided above.

Tuition, schedule, and program content subject to change based upon PA Certification Board and industry requirements. HACC reserves the right to cancel any class due to low enrollment.