

Certified Recovery Specialist (CRS) Certified Family Recovery Specialist (CFRS) Fall 2022

The CRS/CFRS credential is for individuals in recovery from Substance Use Disorders or family members of people suffering from SUDS who wish to help others move into and through the recovery process as peer support. Completion of this course will facilitate the student towards Pennsylvania state certification as a Certified Recovery Specialist or as a Certified Family Recovery Specialist. Understanding the requirements of the certification along with the role of the CRS/CFRS in practice is critical before committing to training. Funding may be available to eligible participants through PA CareerLink®.

Requirements

As a CRS, an individual accepts and agrees that their experience as a person in recovery from a substance use condition will be known by their colleagues, persons served, and others with whom they may share that they have achieved this credential. A person with lived experience must attest that they have personal, lived recovery experience in a continuous manner for a minimum of 18 months to be eligible to enroll in the course.

As a CFRS, an individual accepts and agrees they have life experience as a family member or loved one of a person suffering from a substance use condition. With this certification, the individual will be equipped to assist families move through the process of recovery.

Course outcomes

- Acquire requisite skills to supervise people in recovery from substance use disorder by developing crisis plans, strategies for recovery protection, and personalized interventions
- Learn the roles and duties of a CRS across diverse workspaces
- Develop effective communication skills, both written and verbal, with up-to-date knowledge of person-first recovery and mental health language
- Become familiar with ethical standards and boundaries defined by the PA Certification Board (PCB)

CRS/CFRS course details

Tues., Thurs., **Sept. 13 - Dec. 8, 2022**, 6-9pm
No class Nov. 22 & Nov. 24
\$899 (excludes certification examination)
Course code: CRS101.3

Free virtual information session

Weds., **Aug. 3, 2022**, 6pm via Zoom
Course code: HINFO106.6

Visit northampton.edu/HealthcareCourses to enroll. For questions, please call 610-332-6585 or email healthcare@northampton.edu.

Transfer your training to credits

Completion of the CRS credential equates to a 3-credit free elective in the Health Sciences AAS, the Public Health AAS, the Emergency Services Administration AAS, and the Emergency Services Technology AAS degrees.



About the credential

CFRS credential: upon completing the training all CFRS requirements established by the PCB must be satisfied (pacertboard.org/certifications) and participants must apply for the credential. The application fee is not included in the course fee. CFRS re-certification is necessary every two years and is the responsibility of the student.

CRS credential: upon completing the training, all requirements established by the PCB must be satisfied (pacertboard.org/certifications) and participants must pass the State CRS exam. The exam fee is not included in the course fee. CRS re-certification is necessary every two years and is the responsibility of the student.

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