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College of Professional Studies

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## UPCOMING COURSES

**SUMMER: TWO WEEKS**

June 13-24 | 9AM - 5PM

**FALL: SATURDAYS**

Sept 10 - Dec 3 | 9AM - 4PM

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## RECOVERY SPECIALIST CERTIFICATIONS



The new Recovery Specialist curriculum is for individuals who are seeking the Certified Recovery Specialist (CRS), Certified Family Recovery Specialist (CFRS) or the Certified Recovery Specialist Supervisor (CRSS) credentials.

The curriculum for this in-person course is designed by the PCB to meet the education requirements for certification in this specialty area in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania only. The Villanova instructors teaching in the program are approved trainers through the PCB.

To complete the course, students must attend all 11 class meetings in person.

## Summer and Fall 2022 Tuition & Early Bird Discount!

**TOTAL PROGRAM TUITION:** \$1200

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT:** Apply for the Summer 2022 course by May 1 or the Fall 2022 course by July 1 to receive a \$100 discount

**COURSE MATERIALS:** No additional charge; Additional parking fees apply.

VISIT THE [RECOVERY SPECIALIST CERTIFICATIONS WEBPAGE](#) OR CALL 610-519-4813 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

## WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A RECOVERY SPECIALIST?

According to the Pennsylvania Certification Board (PCB), 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, recovery-oriented services and assist to identify and reduce stigma. They advocate to eliminate barriers, increase natural supports and build community. Services provided by the Recovery Specialist substantially improve an individual's and family's ability to sustain recovery and wellness.

## Villanova Instructor



### DON ALTEMUS

Don Altemus has 15 years of experience in training, coaching, motivational interviewing, and advocacy in support of people in recovery. He has presented on an international level to advance concepts in peer support, community inclusion, and self-direction.

Don earned a BS in Behavioral & Addictions Counseling from Drexel University, and an MS in Psychology from the University of Phoenix. His volunteer experience includes the Pennsylvania OMHSAS Adult Advisory Committee, Chester County MH/IDD Advisory Board, and the Pennsylvania Certification Board. Don is a QPR Suicide Prevention instructor and Crisis Intervention Trainer for police forces and is a member of the Chester County Disaster Crisis Outreach and Referral Team.