

## Allegheny County Department Of Children Initiatives Certified Recovery Specialist (CRS) Fall 2025

The CRS/CFRS training series will be held over two weeks beginning 10/27/25 and concluding 11/7/25. The training is funded by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) through Allegheny County's Department of Children's Initiatives and there is no cost to attend. Applicants will be required to update or create a PA CareerLink account and speak to someone from PA CareerLink before class starts. Priority seating will be reserved for Allegheny County residents with a childcare need. Upon completion of the training, funding assistance is available, as may be necessary, for initial application and certification fees (\$150 for either CRS/CFRS).

### Training Location:

PA CareerLink  
914 Penn Ave. 6<sup>th</sup> floor  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

### To Apply:

- Candidates must begin by creating an account at <https://www.pacertboard.org/>
- Once an account is created by you AND approved by the PCB, candidates must apply for the class at this [LINK](#).
- PLEASE be sure to fill out application ENTIRELY with up-to-date information (working phone number, email, current address, etc.) and be sure to monitor your phone for a text to set up an application pre-screening via phone call. YOU WILL NOT BE ADMITTED INTO THE CLASS WITHOUT CONDUCTING THIS PRE-SCREENING
- Students may test for CRS Certification after completing 78 hours of training including 66 classroom hours and 12 hours of work outside the classroom.

\*The hours listed here are the minimum hours necessary to complete the curriculum. Actual classroom time may vary from week to week depending on class flow. Students should arrive by 8:15 am and expect to be in class to 4:30 pm each day.

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Date	Course	Hours
10/27/25	<b>RSC01 - Introduction for the Recovery Specialist</b>	<b>6.5</b>
	The first session in the Recovery Specialist Curriculum (RSC) will introduce the course, covering the history of SUD and recovery. Multiple definitions of recovery will be discussed as well as initial dialogue on the role of the recovery specialist.	
10/28/25	<b>RSC02 - The Role of the Recovery Specialist</b>	<b>6.5</b>
	The second session in the RSC will conclude the discussion of the role of the Recovery Specialist (RS) and begin the review of communication and professional skills of the RS	
10/29/25	<b>RSC03 - Communication and Motivational Interviewing</b>	<b>7</b>
	The third session of the RSC will conclude the discussion of the role of the Recovery Specialist (RS) and introduce Motivational Interviewing.	
10/30/25	<b>RSC04 - Stages of Change and Ethical Considerations</b>	<b>6.5</b>
	The fourth session of the RSC will continue the discussion of Motivational Interviewing and review the Stages of Change. Ethical responsibility and professionalism will also be discussed.	
10/31/25	<b>RSC05 - Ethical Responsibility and Professionalism</b>	<b>6.5</b>
	The fifth session of the RSC will conclude the discussion on ethics and professionalism. The day will conclude with beginning the discussion on Substance Use Knowledge.	
11/3/25	<b>RSC06 - Substance Use Knowledge</b>	<b>6</b>
	The sixth session of the RSC will be an in-depth discussion on substance use	
11/4/25	<b>RSC07 - Co-Occurring/Mental Health and Recovery Planning/Collaboration</b>	<b>6.5</b>
	The seventh session of the RSC will discuss co-occurring disorders and mental health, as well as begin a discussion on recovery planning and collaboration.	
11/5/25	<b>RSC08 - Recovery Planning/Collaboration and Other Types of Support</b>	<b>6.5</b>
	The eighth session of the RSC will conclude discussion of recovery planning and collaboration. Additionally, other types of support a recovery specialist can provide will be reviewed, including non-clinical support groups, digital recovery support, and advocacy.	
11/6/25	<b>RSC09 - Advocacy and Cultural Competency</b>	<b>7</b>
	The ninth session of the RSC will conclude discussion on advocacy and begin a discussion on cultural competency.	
11/7/25	<b>RSC10 - Cultural Competency, Safety and Self-Care</b>	<b>7</b>
	The tenth and final session in the RSC will conclude the discussion of cultural competency and discuss safety and self-care for the recovery specialist.	
	<b>Classroom Total</b>	<b>66</b>
	<b>Out of class assignments</b>	<b>12</b>
	<b>Total Certification Hours</b>	<b>78</b>

For more information, please call Keith Elders at 814-248-9040.