

BCBH Spring CRS Training Series 2026



The new CRS/CFRS training series will be held on Friday and Saturday for 5 weeks beginning on **1/16/26** and concluding on **2/14/26**.

COSTS:

- The class is \$200 for any student to attend (Due prior to first class **payable to Gateway Rehab Center**)
- CRS application is \$150 (Requires lived experience in recovery – Due with application to PCB at completion – payable to PA Cert Board)
- CFRS application is \$150 (Requires lived experience as a family member- Due with application to PCB at completion- payable to PA Cert Board)
 - Student may apply for either or both.
- Notary fees for application (varies but is nominal -\$10-\$15, typically)

To Apply for enrollment into course:

1. Candidates must begin by creating an account at <https://www.pacertboard.org/>
 - Next, complete the application at <https://www.pacertboard.org/class> The class is currently set to “private” and the password to access the application is **BCBH2026**
2. Students must also have a login on DDAP Training Management System, which can be created or accessed here: <https://apps.ddap.pa.gov/tms/Logon.aspx>

All trainings
are held in
person at

311 Rouser
Rd.

Moon
Township, PA
1st Floor
Conference
Room

3. Once approved, students will receive an email from PCB acknowledging their approval to attend the class and a welcome email from the instructor with more information about the class, fees, directions, etc.

4. Students may test for CRS Certification after completing 78 hours* of training including 66 classroom hours and 12 hours of work outside the classroom. **It is imperative that students attend each class, any absences will affect your ability to successfully complete the class and take the exam.**

*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 8:45am each Friday and Saturday morning.

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Dates	Course Description for the week	Total Hours
January 16, 2026	RSC01 - Introduction for the Recovery Specialist	6.5
	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.	
January 17, 2026	RSC02 - The Role of the Recovery Specialist	6.5
	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	
January 23, 2026	RSC03 - Communication and Motivational Interviewing	7
	The third session of the RSC will conclude the discussion of the role of the Recovery Specialist (RS) and introduce Motivational Interviewing.	
January 24, 2026	RSC04 - Stages of Change and Ethical Considerations	6.5
	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.	
January 30, 2026	RSC05 - Ethical Responsibility and Professionalism	6.5
	The fifth session of the RSC will continue to discuss ethical responsibility and professionalism for the Recovery Specialist	
January 31, 2026	RSC06 - Substance Use Knowledge	6
	The sixth session of the RSC will be an in-depth discussion on substance use	
February 6, 2026	RSC07 - Co-Occurring/Mental Health and Recovery Planning/Collaboration	6.5
	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.	
February 7, 2026	RSC08 - Recovery Planning/Collaboration and Other Types of Support	6.5
	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.	
February 13, 2026	RSC09 - Advocacy and Cultural Competency	7
	The ninth session of the RSC will conclude discussion on advocacy and begin a discussion on cultural competency.	
February 14, 2026	RSC10 - Cultural Competency, Safety and Self-Care	7
	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.	
	Classroom Total	66
	Out of class assignments	12
	Total Certification Hours	78