



Certified Recovery Specialist (CRS) Training and Child Care Enrollment

The CRS/CFRS training series will be held over two weeks beginning 2/9/26 and concluding 2/20/26. The training is funded by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) through Allegheny County's Department of Children 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 in need of stable, long-term (not just during the training) child care until 1/5/26. Upon completion of the training, funding assistance is available, as may be necessary for eligible individuals, for initial application and certification fees (\$150 for either CRS/CFRS).

Training Location (please note location change for Day 8, 2/18/25):

Hilltop Alliance
209 Bausman St
Pittsburgh, PA 15210

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 on page 2 are the minimum hours necessary to complete the curriculum. Actual classroom time may vary from day to day depending on class flow. Students should arrive by 8:15 am and expect to be in class until 4:30 pm each day.

PARTNER 4 WORK

Date	Course	Hours
2/9/26	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.	
2/10/26	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	
2/11/26	RSC03 - Communication and Motivational Interviewing	7.0
	The third session of the RSC will conclude the discussion of the role of the Recovery Specialist (RS) and introduce Motivational Interviewing.	
2/12/26	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.	
2/13/26	RSC05 - Ethical Responsibility and Professionalism	6.5
	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.	
2/16/26	RSC06 - Substance Use Knowledge	6.0
	The sixth session of the RSC will be an in-depth discussion on substance use	
2/17/26	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.	
2/18/26	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. (NEW TRAINING LOCATION FOR THIS DAY ONLY = Brashear Association, Inc. 320 Brownsville Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15210)	
2/19/26	RSC09 - Advocacy and Cultural Competency	7.0
	The ninth session of the RSC will conclude discussion on advocacy and begin a discussion on cultural competency.	
2/20/26	RSC10 - Cultural Competency, Safety and Self-Care	7.0
	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	66.0
	Out of class assignments	12.0
	Total Certification Hours	78.0

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