



Certified Peer Support & Recovery Professional Credential

Effective June 1st, 2026

This credential was envisioned and shaped by people with lived and living experience, and their voices remained central throughout its development.

Their shared experience, dedication, and expertise guided the creation of the training standards, requirements, and examination.

180 people were involved in the process.
177 identified with lived / living experience.

The CPSRP Foundation

- Provides a strong framework for delivering high-quality recovery peer support and recovery coaching services.
- Ensures consistency and integrity across the workforce.
- Strengthens the peer support and recovery coach roles through unified standards.

Certification Board

Credentialing through the Connecticut Certification Board (CCB) for the CPSRP

- Validates competency and skill-based training.
- Strengthens professional development for certified Peer Support & Recovery Professionals
- Upholds a standard Code of Ethical Conduct

Modifier

To differentiate between people with firsthand lived/living experience and people with lived experience through family that do not have firsthand lived/living experience,
a **(F)** has been added after the **CPSRP**.

Definition of a CPSRP

A Certified Peer Support & Recovery Professional

is defined as an individual having firsthand lived/living experience with a behavioral health condition(s) and identifies as being in recovery and/or has improved their health and wellness

Definition of a CPSRP-F

A Certified Peer Support & Recovery Professional-F

is defined as an individual having firsthand lived/living experience as a family member of someone with a behavioral health condition(s) and does not have lived/living experience

**** Family is not limited to relations by blood, marriage, or adoption****

Credential Requirements

- Live or work in Connecticut
- 18 years or older
- Attest to having first-hand lived/living experience, personally or through a family member
- Complete required training
- Pass the examination
- Complete 300 hours of supervised employment

CPSRP Credential

- Complete an 80-hour CPSRP course from a DMHAS-approved provider
 - Pass the CPSRP exam
- and
- Obtain 300 hours of supervised work experience

This flexible options allows for the accrual of supervised work hours to be accrued after completing training.

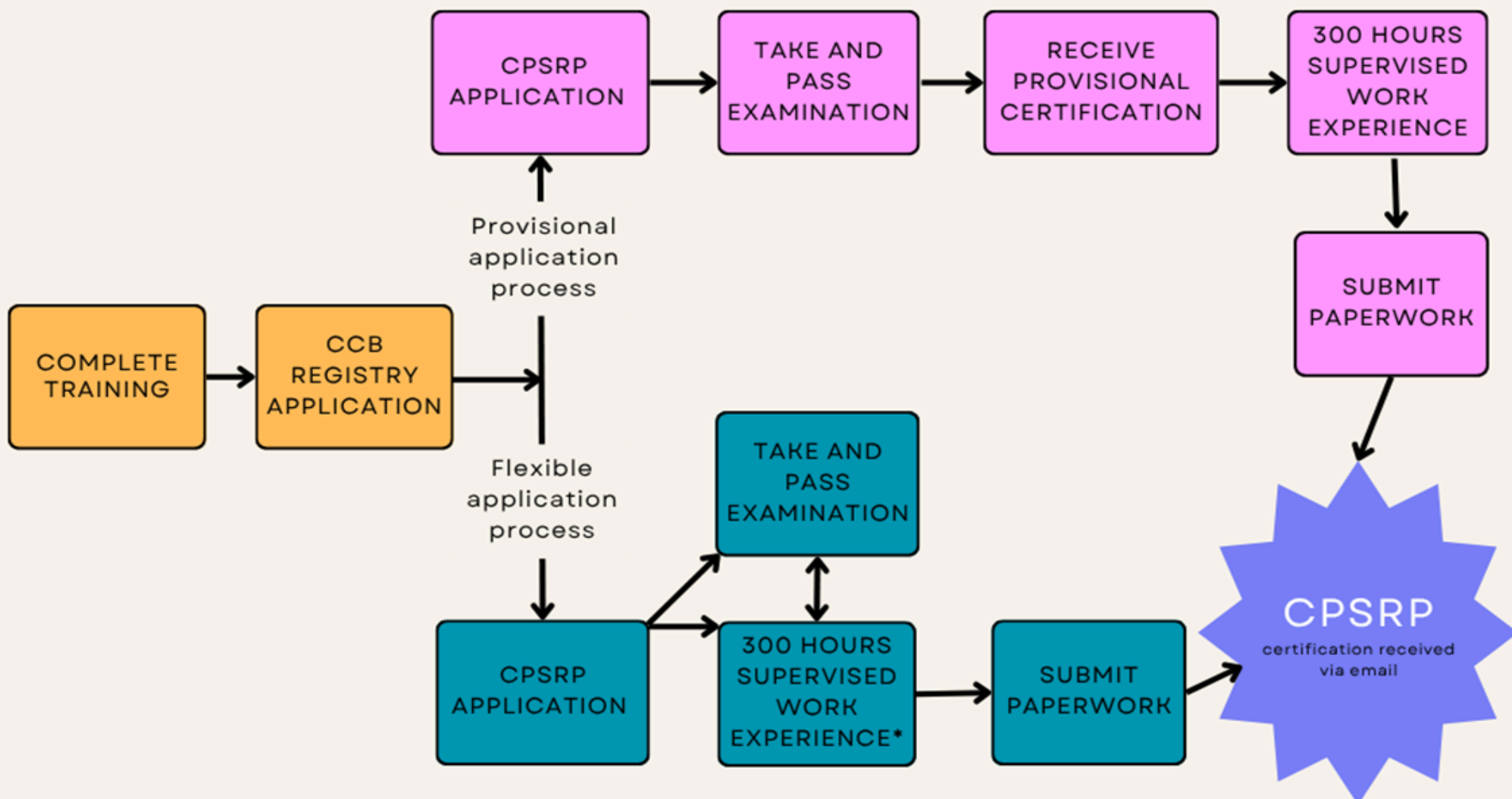
Provisional Credential

- Complete an 80-hour CPSRP course from a DMHAS-approved provider
and
- Pass the CPSRP exam
- Receive Provisional credential
- Begin accrual of supervised work hours

This option provides a one (1) year credential as individuals work towards obtaining the required supervised work hours.

CPSRP & CPSRP-F Application Process

This workflow does not identify all process details; see the CCB website for additional information.



***For the Flexible Application:** Accrual of 300 hours of supervised work experience can begin upon completion of the CPSRP training.

Application Process

This workflow is intended to provide a brief overview of the application process and does not include all details.

Visit the CCB website for additional information on the CPSRP Application and submission process: <https://ctcertboard.org>

CPSRP Certification Renewal Information

10 Continuing Education (CE) hours annually in the following categories:

- 2 CEs on CPSRP Ethics & Values
- 4 CEs on Peer Support and Coaching topics
- 4 CEs of Electives that enhance knowledge within the behavioral health field.

Additional information is located on the CCB website at <https://ctcertboard.org/applications-renewals/>

CPSRP Grandparenting

Over 1,000 people are now certified!

If you completed training on or before May 31, 2026, you are eligible to apply. Applications are open until October 1, 2026.

Access the CPSRP Grandparenting Application on the Connecticut Certification Board website:
<https://ctcertboard.org/applications-renewals/>

Currently Approved Training Organizations

- New Life II: Training - New Life II: Recovery Housing, Peer Support & Education
- Advocacy Unlimited, Inc.: Recovery Support Specialist Certification & Training | CT

The list of approved training agencies are updated on the DMHAS website as they become approved

All training organizations are privately owned and set their own schedules and fees

**For more information go to the
DMHAS website**

<https://portal.ct.gov/dmhas/newsworthy/news-items/certified-peer-support-and-recovery-professional-credential>

or contact Elsa Ward
elsa.ward@ct.gov

CPSRP EMPLOYER INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

**3rd Thursday of the Month
2-3pm 1st meeting June 18th**

**[https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/280014118526408?
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**2nd Friday of the Month
1-2pm 1st meeting July 10th**

**[https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/241490728812472?
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Disclaimer

The Certified Peer Support & Recovery Professional credential is not a license and does not authorize the holder to practice independently.

Questions

Thank you