Certified Peer Support & Recovery Professional (CPSRP)
Eligibility and Application Questions

1. **I have a RSS and RC cert. I also hold an International Gambling Recovery Specialist and Board Approved Recovery Advisor through the IGCCB. Is that eligible for grandparenting as well?**

The RSS and RC certification make you eligible <u>if</u> you completed either training from a DMHAS-approved Peer Training Organization.

2. **Am I waived? I had my RSS Certification since 2014 of March through Advocacy Unlimited.**
The Certified Peer Support & Recovery Professional certification is the State's credential. If you choose to obtain the credential, you need to complete the grandparenting process.

3. **As an RSS, what happens if I'm deemed ineligible for some reason?**

Once an application is processed, if it is incomplete or ineligible, an email will be sent stating what is required and what was submitted. People can contact the CCB to submit the missing material.

4. **What if I received my certification in November 2022 but have not been employed for 3 years?**

Employment/Volunteering is waived if your certification is currently in good standing.

5. **If I am a newly certified Recovery Support Specialist (RSS) as of September 2024 and haven't been able to find work or a place to volunteer, where does that put me?**

As long as your certification is current, you can apply for the grandparenting process.

6. **Worked for 19yrs. but not have the RSS yet…So I will need to start from beginning as a new employee…is that correct.**

If you were trained by one of the three DMHAS approved training organizations and meet the other criteria, then you can apply for the grandparenting process.

7. **What length of time qualifies for work or Volunteer?**

There is not a required number of work or volunteering hours needed. The requirement is that it is in the last 3 years.

8. **What should we provide for proof of employment?**

The Employers name, email address (if known), and phone number.

9. **Will a SMART Facilitator training (19-hour contact hours) suffice for the 10 CEUs?**

Yes.

10. **What happens if my CEU documentation is lost?**

Documentation is not needed for CEUs. People attest to having ten (10) hours of training.

11. **What is the deadline to submit applications to CCB?**

Applications should be submitted by April 15th.
People trained between May 1st and June 29th are waived from the pilot exam and can apply by June 30th.

12. **If the application takes 2-4 weeks to be reviewed and the exam closes on May 15th, should applications be submitted no later than April 15th?**

Applications should be submitted by April 15th. The application was developed to be user-friendly with minimum information to be uploaded.

13. **Are there any requirements as to where continuing education credits are obtained?**

No.

14. **What qualifies as CEUs?**

All trainings that enhance your learning.

15. **Will the CCB accept CEUs from DMHAS-approved training providers?**

Yes.

16. **Will 10 contact hours be acceptable for the 10 CEUs?**

No. CEUs are Continued Education trainings.

17. **How would you enter your exemption on the application?**

There is an Exempt box at the bottom, before the next question.

18. **How do you verify volunteers or self-employed individuals?**

For Volunteers, the Employers name, email address (if known), and phone number are required.
In CT, peer supports are not licensed to provide services individually.

19. **Will the certificate from the program we attended be acceptable as proof of credentials?**

Yes, if it is from a DMHAS-approved Peer Training Organization.

20. **Are computer-based CEU trainings on agency training platforms no longer accepted or valid?**

They are accepted.

21. **If you completed multiple certifications and/or trainings, do you have the opportunity to log in all of them?**

For verification of completion from a DMHAS-approved Peer Training Organization, only one is needed.
For CEUs, you are asked to attest to having ten (10) training hours.

22. **Does being up to date on recertification mean the same as having CEU credits?**

No. Up to date on recertification means their RSS certification is currently valid. CEUS are continuation educations units that are obtained from attending ongoing trainings.

23. **When doing volunteer work does it have to be through an organization to keep the certification active?**

Volunteering in a Peer Support role that can be verified is what is required for the grandparenting application.