

Certified Peer Support & Recovery Professional (CPSRP)
General Questions

1. Who is answering these questions?

Elsa Ward, DMHAS Director of Recovery Community Affairs.
Town halls questions were answered by the presenters.

2. What is this new certification being called? CRPP or CPSRP?

The name of the credential has changed to **Certified Peer Support & Recovery Professional (CPSRP)** at the request of peer support advocates.

3. Is this new certification mandatory?

The State's new Certified Peer Support & Recovery Professional (CPSRP) credential is **Voluntary** and is being **offered free** during the grandparenting process to all Recovery Support Specialists and Recovery Coaches that meet minimal requirements. The certification is valid for 3 years.

4. Is there a fee for the application and will there be an exam?

No. During the grandparenting process, the credential is free of charge and valid for 3 years.

5. Can you share the precise location on the DMHAS website where the info will be, as their website is huge?

Once the DMHAS website is opened, click on the Recovery tab on the left. When the page opens, you will see "For information on the new Peer Support Credential, click here". It will bring you to the DMHAS Office of Recovery Community Affairs page.

6. Where is the application on the CCB website?

The application can be found on the CCB Home Page on the top right corner and/or by scrolling down.

7. Where can the Connecticut Code of Ethics and Values be accessed online to view?

On the DMHAS Office of Recovery Community Affairs web site.

8. What is the deadline to submit applications to CCB?

Applications should be submitted by April 15, 2025.

People trained between May 1st and June 29, 2025 are waived from the pilot exam and can apply by June 30th.

9. Where do you sign up for the exam?

The Connecticut Certification Board (CCB) will provide the information once the application has been processed and is complete.

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

It is if it is from a DMHAS-approved Peer Training Organization or the CPRS credential issued by the CCB.

11. What should we provide for proof of Employment or Volunteering?

The Agency/Organization name, email address (if known), and phone number. No other verification is needed.

12. Can a person living in CT, but working in MA, use the recovery coach work as employment verification?

Yes. The application asks for the Employers name, email address (if known), and phone number.

13. What counts for CEUs?

All trainings that enhance your learning.

14. Do you have to submit all CEUs?

Attesting to completing ten (10) training hours is requested. No other verification is needed.

15. Can these slides be sent out or posted on the DMHAS website for later reference without needing to view full meeting recording?

Yes, the slides will be posted separately.

16. Will the Town Hall Meeting Recordings be posted?

Yes, the town hall meetings will be posted separately.

17. Those who have an RSS or Recovery Coach certificate, and participate in the grandparenting process, they will now be called CPSRP, correct?

The credential will be Certified Peer Support & Recovery Professional. The job title, RSS or Recovery Coach, will be determined by their place of employment.

18. Why is the grandparenting process not required? Doesn't that defeat the purpose of standardization?

Standardization will be through the training. DMHAS-approved Training Organizations will be teaching SAMHSA's Core Competencies and CT's Peer Ethics & Values.

For people that have completed their training already, this is **voluntary**. DMHAS is not mandating employers to use this credential. Employers decide the Job Requirements for their agencies/organizations.