



CONNECTICUT
Mental Health & Addiction Services

Welcome to the CRPP Grandparenting Process Townhall



Peer Support – Recovery
Support Specialist and
Recovery Coach



DMHAS Certified Recovery
Peer Professional Credential

February 21, 2025, 2:30 – 4:00 pm

Townhall Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Starting with the **Why? Why a CRPP?**

Brief **Overview** of CRPP Grandparenting Credential and the process of **development**

Updated DMHAS Peer Ethics and Values (2024)

CRPP Grandparenting Credential **Eligibility**

CRPP Grandparenting Credential **Application**

Questions

Welcome and Introductions

Why is the CRPP Credential Important?

This newly created Certified Recovery Peer Professional (CRPP) credential is an integrated certification that ensures individuals trained by any of the DMHAS-approved Peer Training Organizations have been taught SAMHSA's Twelve Core Competencies and DMHAS' Peer Ethics and Values (2024) to be in alignment with national standards.

Validates and enhances professional development.

Strengthens the peer recovery community by creating a unified standard.

Developing the CRPP Grandparenting Certification

A. Peer Certification Advisory Committee

- Developed the Connecticut Recovery Peer Professionals Code of Ethics and Values
- Recommended Grandparenting CRPP requirements

B. Subject Matter Expert (SME) Committee

- Responsible for developing CRPP exam with the CCB

C. Peer Cert Planning Committee (DMHAS, PRCH, CCB)

D. Certified Review Team

Connecticut CRPP Code of Ethics and Values (2024) Part I

1. Certified Recovery Peer Professionals will share their recovery/lived experience stories to promote and support recovery, hope, and resilience to help the people they serve (as appropriate to the situation).
2. Certified Recovery Peer Professionals shall strive to practice cultural humility, defined as an ongoing process of self-exploration and self-critique, combined with a lifelong willingness to learn from others, including learning about cultural identity and other areas important to the people they serve.
3. Certified Recovery Peer Professionals will keep current with emerging knowledge relevant to recovery peer support and advocacy and share this knowledge with their colleagues and the people they serve.
4. Certified Recovery Peer Professionals shall agree to engage in regular peer support supervision and professional development.
5. Certified Recovery Peer Professionals will respect the dignity, privacy, confidentiality, and rights of the people they serve, and will adhere to federal and state confidentiality and privacy laws (e.g. HIPAA) which apply to oral, written and electronic communication (social media, texting, video conferencing).

Connecticut CRPP Code of Ethics and Values (2024) Part II

6. Recovery Peer Professionals will not practice, condone, facilitate, or collaborate in any form of discrimination based on ethnicity, race, sex, sexual orientation, age, religion, national origin, marital status, political belief, mental or physical disability, or any other preference or personal characteristic, condition, or state.
7. Certified Recovery Peer Professionals will advocate for those that they serve to make their own decisions. Certified Recovery Peer Professionals will advocate for individuals to achieve their own stated needs, wants, and goals as well as promote personal responsibility of individuals.
8. Certified Recovery Peer Professionals will advocate for the full participation and inclusion of individuals into the communities of their choice and will promote the inherent value of these individuals to those communities.
9. Certified Recovery Peer Professionals will avoid entering dual relationships or commitments that conflict with the interests of those they are serving and will disclose those relationships to their immediate supervisor [Dual relationships are defined as any existing or pre-existing professional, social, or business relationships with the person(s) served]. In consultation with their professional supervisor, the Certified Peer Professional shall determine whether existing or pre-existing relationships interfere with their ability to provide peer support services to the person(s) served.
10. Certified Recovery Peer Professionals should not engage in sexual or intimate activities or relations with the people they are serving.

Benefits of the CRPP Grandparenting Credential

Enhances the credibility of the entire peer recovery field.

Respect for Experience: Certification based on training and experience.

No Exam Score Requirement.

Certification is good for **three (3) years**.

Free credentialing.

CRPP Grandparenting Credential Eligibility

1. Age: **18+**
2. Trained by a DMHAS approved Peer Support Training Organization

OR

Active CPRS certification through the Connecticut Certification Board (CCB)

3. Employed/volunteering in a peer support role within the last **three (3)** years.

OR

Up-to-date on recertification

4. **Ten (10)** hours of continuing education trainings (10 CEUs) in the last 3 years.

Exemption:** Completion of Peer Support Training **AFTER** or on **July 1, 2024.

CRPP Grandparenting Credential Requirements

- Verification of **age**
- Verification of **training** by a DMHAS approved organization:
 - Advocacy Unlimited (AU)**
 - Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR)**
 - Hartford Healthcare Recovery Leadership Academy (HHC-RLA)**

OR

Verification of active **CPRS** credential through the CCB

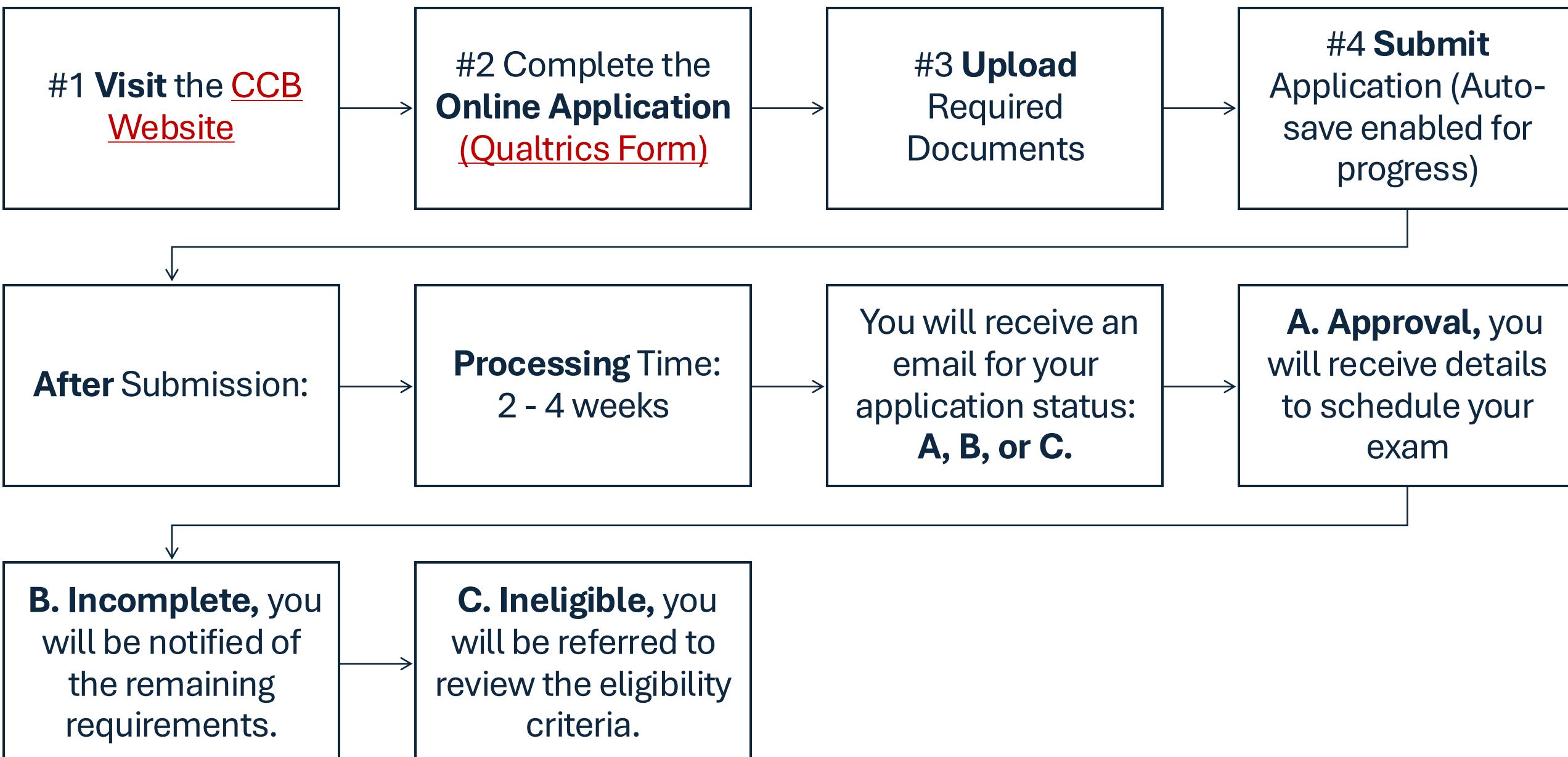
- Verification of **employment/volunteering** in a peer support role within **three (3)** years
 - **OR** up-to-date on recertification
- Verification of **ten (10)** hours of continuing education trainings (**10 CEUs**) in the last three (3) years.
 - Waived for individuals that completed a peer support training program **AFTER** July 1, 2024.*
- **Attestation** to CRPP 2024 Ethics and Values
- CRPP **β-pilot** exam
 - ***β** = beta

ALL applicants must take the β-pilot exam

Exemption: Individuals who have completed a peer support training program by a DMHAS approved organization during May 2, 2025 - June 30, 2025

- CRPP **β-pilot** testing **ends** on May 15, 2025

Application Process



Purpose

The β-pilot exam



- **Research and Validation – NO PASSING** score required
- **Purpose: Research and Validation – No Passing Score Required**
 - Designed to gather data for creating a fair and effective CRPP credential exam
 - Aims to ensure the exam reflects the real-world skills and knowledge of recovery peer professionals
 - Focuses on understanding the current/experienced recovery peer support workforce in Connecticut
 - Ensures the exam is representative of the Connecticut community
 - Your participation helps shape a credentialing process aligned with community and professional needs

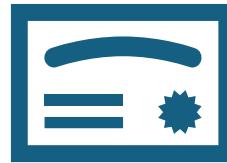
Format, Timing, & Content

- 50 Multiple-Choice Questions
- Ends on May 15, 2025
- **Core Topics/Domains:**
 - Peer Support, Recovery Planning, Crisis Response, Professional, Legal, & Ethical Obligations, Leadership & Advocacy.

CRPP Grandparenting Credential



CRPP Grandparenting: Expedited certification for experienced RSS/RC



CRPP Credential refers to the new state- will require meeting new requirements



Limited-Time Opportunity:
Encourages timely participation.

Reminders

All applicants **MUST** sit the beta-pilot exam by **May 15, 2025**.

- Waived for those completing a DMHAS-approved peer training program May 2 – June 30, 2025.

Do NOT wait until the final application deadline of **June 30, 2025**.

Everyone **PASSES** the exam!

Accommodations will be provided.

Questions?



To contact our team please **email**
info@ctcertboard.org, **thank you.**