

CPRS APPLICATION

Certified Peer Recovery Specialist

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS – READ CAREFULLY

Prior to applying, all requirements must be met and documented.

Do not apply until all requirements are met.

TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION, CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. Mail: DCB, 298 S. Progress Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17109
- 2. Email: info@decertboard.org NOTE: Only PDFs are permitted. Photos of applications are not accepted.
- **3. Fax:** 717-540-4458 NOTE: faxing is an unreliable technology. Receiving a confirmation of fax does not indicate it has been received. To confirm receipt of application, email info@decertboard.org.

REVIEW & APPROVAL PROCESS

- 1. Application submitted to DCB. To confirm receipt of application, email DCB at the above email address.
- 2. Staff reviews application. Allow up to 10 business days for review and processing.
- 3. Applicant will be emailed if there is any documentation missing or there are questions regarding an application. Applications with pending problems will be held open for one year from date of receipt after which they will be closed.
- **4.** An application is considered approved when applicant receives an email from the testing company to register for the examination.
- 5. Follow all instructions to register for the examination provided in the email.
- **6.** If you have not heard from DCB regarding your application or received an email from the testing company to register for the examination after 10 business days, email info@decertboard.org.
- 7. Once you pass the examination, you are certified.
- 8. A certificate will be mailed to you within 10 business days.

CERTIFIED PEER RECOVERY SPECIALIST REQUIREMENTS

All requirements below must be met to apply. All required documentation must be sent in with an application except for the official college transcript which is sent to DCB directly prior to application.

FORMAL EDUCATION

REQUIRED: Minimum high school diploma/GED.

Veterans may provide discharge documentation in lieu of a high school diploma/GED.

A copy of the high school transcript or diploma is acceptable or GED verification. If the school is from outside the United States, an equivalency must be done by an organization that specializes in that process. The applicant is responsible for arranging this process and all costs.

It is recommended you obtain documentation approximately three weeks prior to sending in your application. Documentation of high school/GED or higher can be included with your application or can be mailed to DCB or emailed to info@decertboard.org by the educational institution prior to application.

Degree documentation can be used in lieu of a high school diploma/GED. The degree must be from an accredited college/university that is recognized by the US Department of Education or the Council on Higher Education Accreditation. An official transcript sent directly from college/university is required. If the degree is from outside the United States, a degree equivalency must done by an organization that specializes in that process. The applicant is responsible for arranging this process and all costs.

Official transcripts are required and must be sent directly from college/university to DCB prior to application. **Official transcripts may be mailed to DCB or emailed to info@decertboard.org**.

It is recommended you request transcripts approximately three weeks prior to sending in your application.

If you have a sealed official transcript in your possession, you may mail it in the sealed envelope to DCB prior to your application arriving or mail it in with your application.

If you have outstanding debt or other issues which prevent the college/university from releasing your official transcript, you must resolve these issues with the school prior to applying for certification.

PEER RECOVERY WORK EXPERIENCE

REQUIRED: 500 hours of part-time work or volunteer experience as a peer recovery specialist.

Qualifying work experience is defined as providing individuals and family members in recovery with a support system to develop and learn healthy skills and gain access to needed community resources. Peer Recovery Specialists serve people in the recovery process by supporting them in accessing community-based resources, implementing self-directed recovery/wellness plans, and navigating state and local systems (including substance use and mental health treatment systems). They encourage individuals to develop a strong foundation in recovery (e.g., establishing support systems, self-care, independence/self-sufficiency, healthy copping skills) that

support long-term wellness and recovery. No other work experience in the behavioral health field can be used for peer recovery specialist certification other than what is stated above.

Qualifying work experience can be from multiple employers to accumulate the required years/hours. If the applicant's work experience requirement is not fulfilled from their current employer, they must include **documentation from previous employer(s)** verifying their title, duties and dates employed with their application. <u>DO NOT submit a resume as proof of previous work experience.</u> Applicant must contact previous employers and request detailed documentation of their employment from them.

The applicant must be currently employed as a peer recovery specialist at the time of application.

Time spent participating in or facilitating mutual support groups is not acceptable.

Examples of positions/titles that typically are not eligible for peer recovery specialist certification include but are not limited to sponsors, case managers, technicians, therapists, counselors, intake/admissions workers, drug court/probation and parole professionals, etc.

CURRENT VOLUNTEER/JOB DESCRIPTION

REQUIRED: Copy of current peer recovery specialist volunteer/job description, obtained from current organization, and which must be signed by both the applicant and their immediate supervisor.

All applicants must include a copy of their current peer recovery specialist job description. This **document is provided by your employer** and must be signed and dated by the applicant and their immediate supervisor.

Job descriptions determine and verify eligible current work experience. Job description must clearly delineate peer recovery support services as a primary function of the position.

If you have held different peer recovery specialist positions with your current employer, please provide all relevant job descriptions with the application.

In lieu of job description(s), employer may provide an official position description on agency letterhead. This required documentation must include the applicants' dates of employment (to/from) employment status (full-time or part-time), title of position, a detailed description of the duties and responsibilities for the position, and the average number of hours per week the applicant worked.

ON-THE-JOB SUPERVISION

REQUIRED: 25 hours of on-the-job supervision of qualifying work experience in the peer recovery specialist domains.

Supervision is a formal or informal process that is evaluative, educative, and supportive. It ensures quality of care and extends over time. Supervision includes observation, mentoring, coaching, evaluating, inspiring, and creating an atmosphere that promotes self-motivation, learning, and professional development. In all aspects of the supervision process, ethical and diversity issues must be in the forefront.

DCB has no requirements for who provides supervision. The person providing supervision is at the discretion of the agency and/or state requirements.

Supervision can be provided in an individual, one-on-one setting and/or observation of skills or group supervision setting.

Supervision can be provided by **more than one supervisor**. In this case, provide a copy of page 12 of this application to all the supervisors documenting supervision on your behalf.

EDUCATION/TRAINING

REQUIRED: 46 hours of education/training specific to the peer recovery specialist domains of which 10 hours must be in the Advocacy domain; 10 hours must be in the Mentoring/Education domain; 10 hours must be in the Recovery/Wellness Support domain; and 16 hours must be in the Ethical Responsibility domain.

Education is defined as formal, structured instruction in the form of workshops, trainings, seminars, in-services, college/university credit courses, and online education.

There is no limit to the amount of online education that may be submitted.

Most three-credit college/university courses count as 45 hours. One training CE/CEU counts as one hour.

Out of state education is acceptable.

All education/training must be documented. College courses are documented with an official college transcript. Trainings are documented with copies of training certificates.

Training certificates must have the applicant's name, title of training, date(s) of training, the number of hours being awarded, and the name of training organization. Training certificates submitted without this required information on them will not be accepted.

If a training title on a certificate of attendance does not clearly indicate the education content, attach a copy of the training description.

Training registration forms and/or training sign-in sheets are not acceptable forms of documentation.

Training must be non-repetitive meaning the same training cannot be claimed more than one time even if the training is taken on different dates from different providers.

Official employer training tracking system/learning management system reports may be acceptable forms of documentation for education/training provided that the report contains the name of the employee/applicant, titles of each training, dates of each training, the number of hours of each training, and is signed by the applicant's supervisor.

There is **no time limit** on when the education/training was received.

STATEMENT OF LIVED EXPERIENCE

REQUIRED: Statement of Personal Lived Experience. 1000 word minimum, describing their experience with recovery and their history of sustained recovery

EXAMINATION

REQUIRED: Once application is approved, applicant must pass the IC&RC Examination for Peer Recovery Specialists (PR examination).

Examination information provided on page 6 and on IC&RC's website: www.internationalcredentialing.org.

CERTIFICATION FEE

REQUIRED: \$150.00

(fee includes examination and must accompany certification application)

APPLICATION INFORMATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Email addresses provided to DCB must be active accounts that are checked regularly. We will not be able to contact you or register you for the examination without an email address. Please print legibly.

Applicants must either live or work in DE at the time of application.

This certification is an international, reciprocal credential recognized and transferrable to many other states and countries.

APPEAL PROCESS

The purpose of appeal is to determine if DCB accurately reviewed an application that is denied. A letter requesting an appeal must be sent to DCB within 30 days of the notification of DCB's action. An applicant shall be considered notified three days after the relevant date of mailing. The appeal will be sent to the DCB Executive Committee who will thoroughly review the entire application and materials to determine whether or not applicant should have been denied approval. The applicant will be notified in writing as to the findings of the Executive Committee.

FELONIES & DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

While felonies and disciplinary actions from other certification/licensing entities may not prohibit certification, documentation is required to be submitted at the time of application. Certification through DCB does not mean a professional should not disclose this information to potential employers and does not in any way exonerate charges.

REQUESTS TO CHANGE APPLICATION

Professionals who wish to have their application re-reviewed for another credential DCB offers prior to taking the examination or after an unsuccessful attempt at the examination will incur a \$50 application change/review fee.

CERTIFICATION TIME PERIOD

Certification encompasses two calendar years beginning on the date the applicant passes the examination. The certificate issued to the professional lists the following information: name of professional, credential name, date of issue, date of expiration and certification number.

RECERTIFICATION

To maintain the high standards of professional practice and to assure continuing awareness of new knowledge in the field, the Board requires recertification every two years. Professionals should review the Recertification Application for credential specific requirements listed on the Board website well in advance of their expiration date.

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

TYPE OF EXAMINATION

The successful completion of an IC&RC examination is required. The examination is computer based, 75 multiple-choice questions, and offered at approved testing sites statewide or online. Candidates choose the day, time, and site for their examination. Once an application is approved, candidates will receive an email from the testing company with instructions for scheduling their examination.

TIME PERMITTED

Two hours are permitted to complete the examination.

EXAMINATION CONTENT

The examination is developed from the IC&RC Job Analysis which identifies domains and tasks for competent practice. Domains for the examination are Advocacy; Mentoring/Education; Recovery/Wellness Support; Ethical Responsibility.

CANDIDATE GUIDE

The domains, including the task statements per domain, sample examination questions, and a list of references from the IC&RC Job Analysis are included in the Candidate Guide. Candidate Guides are available from the DCB website.

STUDY MATERIAL

Professional study guides and practice exams have been published for the examination. This information can be found on the IC&RC's website at: www.internationalcredentialing.org.

SPECIAL SITUATIONS AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Individuals with disabilities and/or religious obligations that require modifications in examination administration may request specific procedure changes in writing with official documentation to DCB no fewer than 60 days prior to their examination date. Contact DCB on what constitutes official documentation. DCB will coordinate appropriate modifications to the examination process when documentation supports the need.

CANCELLATION/RESCHEDULING POLICY

Candidates are required to arrive on time for their examination. Candidates who arrive late will not be permitted to take the examination and will be charged a \$100.00 cancellation/rescheduling fee. Candidates who cancel or reschedule their examination less than five days prior to their scheduled date will be charged the full examination fee. Candidates who cancel or reschedule more than five days before their scheduled date will be charged a \$25.00 cancellation/rescheduling fee.

RETESTING

Candidates who fail the examination can retest after a 90-day wait period from the date of their last examination. Candidates will be sent instructions and fee information. Candidates have three (3) opportunities to retake an examination. If a candidate fails the examination four (4) times, they must submit a study plan to DCB and wait one-year from the date of the final failed examination before they will be permitted to retest again.

CPRS: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Application can be completed and saved. You may then print the appropriate pages to submit to DCB.

TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY

Today's Date (mm/dd/yyyy):		
Applicant Name:		
Print your name o	as it should appear on your certificate. Crede	ntials and degrees will not be printed.
Pronouns:	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):	SSN (last four):
Have you ever received any disc If yes, provide full details on a separate s	iplinary action from another certificatio sheet.	on/licensing authority? Yes No
Have you read and understood to The Code of Ethical Conduct is located at	the DCB Code of Ethical Conduct? — Yes t <u>www.decertboard.org/ethics</u> .	s □ No
CONTACT INFORMATION		
Home Address:		
		Zip:
Cell Phone:		
Primary Email:		
	IT LEGIBLY: EMAIL IS OUR PRIMARY WAY OF	F COMMUNICATING WITH YOU.
Secondary Email:		
DEMOGRAPHICS Data is never released with identifying in	nformation. It is used to report workforce data to s	state and federal agencies.
What is your gender?	Do you i	dentify as transgender?
□ Female	□ Yes	
□ Male	□ No	
□ Nonbinary		r not to disclose
□ Prefer to self-describe:		
□ Prefer not to disclose		
How do you describe your sexua	al orientation or sexual identity?	
☐ Heterosexual or straight		
☐ Gay or lesbian		
□ Bisexual		
□ Queer		
☐ Questioning or unsure		
□ Prefer to self-describe:		
□ Prefer not to disclose		
Which best describes you?		
□ Asian or Pacific Islander	 Multiracial or Biracial 	(please specify):
□ Black or African American		cify):
☐ Hispanic or Latino	Prefer not to disclose	
□ Native American or Alaska Nat	tive	
□ White or Caucasian		

What is your yearly income?	Do you have military experience?
□ Less than \$20,000	□ Active duty
□ \$20,000 to \$34,999	□ Reserve
□ \$35,000 to \$49,999	□ National Guard
□ \$50,000 to \$74,999	□ Veteran
□ \$75,000 to \$99,999	□ Not Applicable
□ Over \$100,000	
□ Unsure	
Language(s) spoken fluently (check all that apply):	
□ American Sign Language	□ Korean
□ Arabic	□ Polish
□ Chinese	□ Portuguese
□ English	□ Russian
□ French	□ Spanish
□ German	☐ Tagalog (Filipino)
□ Indigenous Language	□ Vietnamese
□ Italian	□ Other, please specify:
Employment plans for the next two years (check all that apply	r):
□ Obtain full time employment/Increase hours	,
□ Obtain part-time employment/Decrease hours	
□ No change	
□ Retire	
□ Move to a different career/field	
□ Unknown	
What is the highest degree or level of school you have comple	
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☐ High school degree or equivalent (e.g. GED)	☐ Bachelor's degree (e.g. BA, BS)
☐ Trade, Technical or Vocational School	☐ Master's degree (e.g. MA, MS, MEd)
□ Some college, no degree	☐ Professional degree (e.g. MD, DDS, DVM)
□ Associate degree (e.g. AA, AS)	□ Doctorate (e.g. PhD, EdD)
PAYMENT INFORMATION	
FEE OF \$150 CAN BE PAID USING ONE OF THE FOLLOWIN	IG (CHECK ONE):
☐ Check ☐ Money Order ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ Dischecks & Money Orders made payable to DCB	cover American Express
☐ My employer/organization is mailing payment directly to D0	CB.
Number:	
Security Code: Expiration. Date:	Billing Zip Code:
Name on Card:	
Email for receipt (if paying by credit card only):	

CPRS: FORMAL EDUCATION
REQUIRED: Minimum high school diploma/GED.
I am documenting my high school diploma/GED. ☐ Yes ☐ No
I am documenting a degree. ☐ Yes ☐ No
College/University:
Name on Transcript:
Date Transcript Requested:
Delivery Method:
☐ Mailed to DCB ☐ Emailed to DCB
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I have included copies of training certificates. □ Yes □ No
I have included a copy of my training tracking system/learning management system report. ☐ Yes ☐ No
My college transcript provides all or some of the relevant education. \square Yes \square No
CPRS: STATEMENT OF LIVED EXPERIENCE
REQUIRED: Statement of Personal Lived Experience. 1000 word minimum, describing their experience with recovery and their history of sustained recovery
I have included a minimum of 1000 word statement of my personal lived experience with recovery and history of sustained recovery with my application. ☐ Yes ☐ No

CPRS: PEER RECOVERY WORK EXPERIENCE & JOB DESCRIPTION

REQUIRED: 500 hours work or volunteer experience as a peer recovery specialist.

REQUIRED: Copy of current peer recovery specialist job description, obtained from current employer, and which must be signed by both the applicant and their immediate supervisor.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT INFORMAT	TION
Employer Name:	
	Zip:
Applicant Position/Title:	
Total hours/years worked in current position	?
I have attached my current peer job descript	ion, dated, and signed by both me and my supervisor. ☐ Yes ☐ No
	nent to fulfill the experience requirement? Yes No on company letterhead) from previous employer(s) verifying your duties and dates employed
PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT INFORMA Letter (on company letterhead) from previous employer	TION (IF APPLICABLE) (s) verifying your title, duties & dates employed must be included with your application.
Organization Name:	
Organization City:	Zip:
Applicant Position/Title:	
	End Date in Position:
How many hours did you work per week?	
Total hours/years worked in previous position	on?
Organization Name:	
Organization City:	Zip:
Applicant Position/Title:	
	End Date in Position:
How many hours did you work per week?	
Total hours/years worked in previous position	

CPRS: ON-THE-JOB SUPERVISION

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Information below is to be completed by applicant's current and/or previous supervisor(s).

This page is to document the supervision hours provided to the applicant, not their total work hours.

The total hours of supervision should be 25 hours but could be more depending on the applicants' length of employment or could be less if the applicant was provided supervision from a previous employer.

Applicants may copy this page and provide it to previous	supervisors.
Applicant Name:	
SUPERVISOR INFORMATION	
Name:	
Position/Title:	
Licenses, Certifications and/or Degrees:	
Email:	Phone:
Employer Name:	
Employer City:	Zip:
SUPERVISION DOCUMENTATION	
Supervision was provided to the above-named applicar	nt in the following Domains:
DOMAIN	EXACT NUMBER OF HOURS
☐ Advocacy	
☐ Mentoring/Education	
☐ Recovery/Wellness Support	
☐ Ethical Responsibility	
TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS OF SUPERV	ISION:
Supervisor Attestation:	
I attest that the above-named applicant has been provid	ed with supervision as documented above.
Supervisor Signature	Date

CPRS: ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & RELEASE

This page must be completed by the applicant. It must be notarized and submitted with the application.

RELEASE

INITIAL EACH STATEMENT

Notary Public Signature

I request that the Delaware Certification Board (DCB) grant the credential to me based on the following assurances and documentation:

- I subscribe to and commit myself to professional conduct in keeping with the DCB Code of Ethical Conduct;
- I certify that the information given herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I also authorize any necessary investigation and the release of information relative to my application;
- Falsification of any documents will nullify this application and will result in denial or revocation of certification;
- I consent to the release of information contained in my application and any other pertinent data submitted to or collected by DCB to officers, members, and staff of the aforementioned Board;
- I consent to authorize DCB to gather information from third parties regarding education, employment and/or supervision and understand that such communication shall be treated as confidential;
- Allegations of ethical misconduct reported to DCB before, during, or after application for certification is made
 will be investigated by DCB and could result in the nullification of the application or denial or revocation of
 certification.

I have read and understood t	his Acknowledgements and Release.	
I either live or work in Delawa	are at least 51% of the time.	
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	to have my application re-reviewed for another our successful attempt at the examination I will inc	·
Applicant: PRINT NAME LEGIBLY	Signature:	Date:
NOTARY PUBLIC ONLY		
Name:	Date	::
	the above-named applicant satisfactorily proved to acknowledged that they executed the same for and and official seal.	•
	SEAL:	

CPRS: CHECKLIST

Applicant Name:

Page must be completed and submitted with the application. Do not submit your application until checklist is reviewed, completed and all documentation is compiled.

Prior to applying, all requirements must be met and documented. Use the table below as a guide for gathering documentation.

Do not submit any documentation with an application that is not listed on the table or the application unless specifically instructed by a staff member. Do not apply until all requirements are met.

REQUIREMENT	DOCUMENTATION	✓
Application page with payment	• Page 8 & 9	
Formal Education page	Page 10	
Education	 High School Diploma/GED transcripts or diploma Copies of training certificates (if applicable) 	
Work Experience	 Page 11 Previous relevant employment documentation (if needed) 	
Current job description	Obtain from employer	
Supervision page	Page 12	
Acknowledgement & Release page	Page 13, notarized	
Checklist page	Page 14	
Disciplinary Actions?	Include letter of explanation with application	
Convicted of a felony?	Include letter of explanation with application	
Copy entire application for records		

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I acknowledge, that to the best of my ability, I have submitted a completed application.

Signature:	Date: