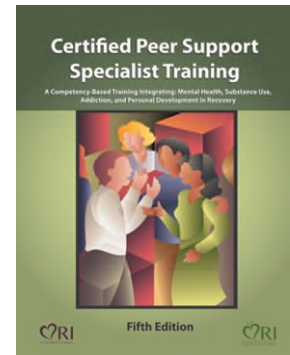


Certified Peer Specialist Training Facilitated by RI International



Date & Time: Training is **Jan 17-25, 2022** – M-F, 8:30am-5:00pm
Lunch is on your own.

Location: Towanda Golf Club
645 Golden Mile Road
Towanda, PA 18848

Registration/Tuition: Tuition is \$1295.00 per participant. Fee covers 10 days of training and all class materials.

Contact: PJ Simonson 619.430.0816 or pj.simonson@riinternational.com

PA CPS Training Qualifications:

- 1) 18 years old or older.
- 2) Received or is receiving mental health services for serious mental illness.
- 3) Having a GED or High School Diploma.
- 4) The completion of at least 12 months of employment or volunteer activities within the past three (3) years or have earned 24 credit hours.

By initialing, I am stating that I meet the PA CPS Training Qualifications. * _____

If you do not currently qualify, please consider applying once qualifications are met.

Certified Peer Specialist Training Completion Requirements:

- Must earn a final grade of 80% or higher based on test scores, participation grade, and attendance.
- Must achieve consistent attendance - missing no more than 8 hours of training.
- Must not miss the following mandatory days of training: 1.) 1st day of training, 2.) 1st Friday of training (story day), 3.) 2nd Monday of training (Ethics and Boundaries) 4.) last day of training (Final exam and graduation).

By initialing, I am stating that I have read and understand the CPS Training Completion Requirements * _____

I authorize the staff of RI International to communicate with PA OMHSAS and other entities as necessary regarding my acceptance and completion of this training.

Signature

Date



Application for Certified Peer Specialist Training

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security (last 4 ok): _____

Telephone: _____ Cell/Message Phone: _____

Email Address _____

Referred by/Sponsoring Agency: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Method of Payment: check one Check Invoice Agency Visa/MC# OVR

Name of paying agency/person: _____

Address (City, State, Zip) _____

Payment contact: Name, Phone & Email _____

If Paying by Visa/MC# _____ **exp:** _____ **3digit** _____

Name & Billing address for card: _____

Send checks to: **RI International, 2701 N 16th Street, Suite 316, Phoenix, AZ 85006.**

To register, please complete this payment form and the attached training application

Please send your completed form to:

PJ Simonson pj.simonson@riinternational.com **PH: 619-430-0816**



Application for Certified Peer Specialist Training

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY: Please fill out completely including dates

Present Or Last Position:

Employer: _____

Supervisor: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Position Title: _____ Dates: _____

Responsibilities: _____

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (cont'd.)

Employer: _____

Supervisor: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Position Title: _____ Dates: _____

Responsibilities: _____

ADDITIONAL WORK HISTORY:

EDUCATION:

High School Diploma YES NO _____ GED: YES NO _____
DATE DATE

Additional Education: _____

Certified Peer Specialist Training Application: *Short Essays*

Your application for the **Certified Peer Specialist (CPS) Peer Employment Training (PET)** is an important, professional step. Necessary to this step is identifying what you will bring to this role. For the short essays below, please think about your strengths, challenges and what you will bring to this important role.

1: Becoming a Certified Peer Specialist requires personal lived experience of recovery from mental health or co-occurring challenges (mental health and substance use). **Please briefly describe** how your lived experience can be an asset in supporting recovery in the lives of others.

2: As Certified Peer Specialists, we must be dedicated to promoting recovery opportunities in the lives of our peers. We would like to know a little bit about why you are interested in promoting recovery opportunities in the lives of Peers.

3: If you obtain employment as a Certified Peer Support Specialist, what are your thoughts about sharing parts of your personal recovery story with the people you support? Please include your comfort level.

4: When a Certified Peer Specialist shares parts of their recovery story with a person receiving services, what are some positive things that can come out of this for the person being served as well as the **Certified Peer Specialist?**



CPS/PET Training Application: *Strengths*

1) Please describe the strengths you have that will help you be a great Certified Peer Specialist:

2) Please describe the strengths you have in terms of academic work (studying, taking tests, completing assignments, etc.):

3) Please describe the strengths you have that will help you succeed in getting a job:

4) Please describe the strengths you have that will help you succeed in job retention (long-term employment):

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, RI International must make a reasonable accommodation to allow a person with a disability to take part in a program, service, or activity. RI International will make any other reasonable action that allows individuals to take part in and understand a program or activity, including making reasonable changes to an activity. If you believe that you will not be able to understand or take part in a program or activity because of your disability, please let us know your needs in advance if at all possible.

Are there any “reasonable accommodations” (as pertaining to coursework and classroom) or “practical” things you may need to help you succeed in Peer Employment Training? (For example: eye glasses or other items necessary to do your best with coursework, etc.) Please list the need and your ideas on how to fill that need.

Practical Need	Your Ideas

Peer Employment Training Application
Reading Introduction

The quote below comes from the workbook we use in class. Please read it and answer the question that follows.

“Approximately one year ago I was diagnosed with a serious mental illness. I was depressed and suicidal. I was put in the hospital. RI International had Peer Support Specialists working there and I met a couple of them. I remember these people being able to bring the first messages of hope to me. It was like being stranded out on the ocean, not knowing how much space, how much time I had left, just drowning in a sea of desperation. The Peer Specialists were like the first friendly vessels that sailed out to me and engaged me. I was able to get something from them because they came from the heart. They had walked the walk. I got the message that there was something else left in life. Through this contact with them, I was able to gather up enough strength that once I got out of the hospital I was able to grasp the message of hope and eventually get into the Peer Training program at RI International. I just don’t have the words to describe the things that having a peer support specialist has done for my life; the opportunities, the rejuvenation, the sense of renewal of life. It’s similar to breathing. Life that had been taken out of my body, it’s almost like a new breath of life was brought in. I realized that there is something wonderful left out there.

What did you learn from Nathan about what peer support meant for him?

Please note:

- **The training will include daily reading (30 or more pages), take home exams and homework.**

Pre-reading materials: After acceptance into the training, pre-reading materials will be emailed to you prior to the beginning of class.

Application deadline Jan 3, 2022 or until class is filled.