

NCCPSS Program Updates

On behalf of the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services, the North Carolina Certified Peer Support Specialist (NCCPSS) Program will implement key changes to reinforce our commitment to high-quality, ethical peer support:

Recovery Time Requirement

On or after July 15th must have a minimum of **18 months in recovery** to be eligible to complete an Approved Course training, NCCPSS Foundation Course and/or apply for certification.

Updated Code of Ethics and Conduct

Effective Date: July 1, 2025

The NCCPSS Program is pleased to announce an update to the [Code of Ethics and Conduct](#), which reflects our core values, evolving practices, and commitment to accountability. The revised version provides more explicit guidance on violations and consequences, thereby supporting ethical peer practice more effectively.

Approved Course and Trainer Updates

Approved Course Announcement

All currently Approved Courses will continue to offer training until their respective expiration dates. The NCCPSS Program's Standardized Course will be introduced alongside these existing courses during the transition period until the Program fully adopts a single curriculum.

Trainer Announcement

The requirements to become a Certified Trainer include:

1. Must be certified as an NC Certified Peer Support Specialist (CPSS) for a minimum of three consecutive years.
2. Must work, volunteer, or supervise CPSS staff for a minimum of three consecutive years.
3. Must have experience in training and be knowledgeable about Peer Support Services in NC.
4. Must be selected by the certification course owner or the NCCPSS Program.

Stay Informed!

For additional information continue checking the NCCPSS website for updates or contact the NCCPSS Program at 919-843-3018 or nccpssprogram@unc.edu.



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