

Training Application

Overview of Peer Support Specialist Training

- The content of Camino's Peer Support Specialist Training has been approved by the Behavioral Healthcare Resource Program (BHRP) and North Carolina Division of Mental Health Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services (NC DMH/DD/SAS).
- Peer Support Specialist Training is a 50-hour training. Participants must be present and participate for all scheduled 50-hours in order to be considered for certification.
- Participants are required to participate in the trainings through lectures, group activities, role-playing and take-home activities. You will also be required to share your personal recovery story.
- Participants who were present for the entire training will be awarded a certificate of completion.
- In order to be able to apply for your state certification, the trainee must pass the exam at the end of the training. The trainee can request another opportunity, within a designated period of time, to re-take the exam if they do not pass the first time.
- Completing the approved 50-hour course does not entitle the training participant to the CPSS certification unless they have the required lived experience of a mental health and/or substance use disorder as well as all other criteria required by the NCCPSS certification program.
- Completion of this training does not guarantee that the participant will be hired as a Peer Support Specialist. The participant will be responsible to apply and seek employment with applicable providers within their communities.
- There is no pre requisite training for participating in the "A Path to Recovery/Un Camino a la recuperación" Course.
- NC Certified Peer Support Specialist Program does not require any prerequisite training to complete an approved course.
- Training topics include Role of Peer Support Specialist, Substance Abuse and Co-Occurring Disorders, Recovery Tools, Cultural Diversity, Workplace Skills, and Peer Support Code of Ethics.
- Maximum class size is 15 participants.
- Trainer attendance policy:
 - Participant may miss up to three hours of course time over the approved 50-hour course.
 - If miss more than three hours of course time, participant will be asked to reapply and pay for a future class.
 - Participant attendance is tracked daily, twice a day.
 - Participant cannot be enrolled in another training scheduled for the same dates of the approved 50-hour course.

Qualifications to take Peer Support Specialist training

- 18 years or older.
- Have lived experiences in recovery from a significant mental health or substance use disorder.
- Have been in recovery for at least 12 consecutive months.

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- Have at least a high school diploma or equivalent.

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Today's Date _____

Date of training _____

Location of training _____

Email _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Date of Birth _____

Why are you interested in becoming a Peer Support Specialist?
(500 characters max)

Do you consider yourself in recovery? If so, how long?
(500 characters max)

Describe your recovery experience from substance use, mental health challenges or both.
(500 characters max)

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Keeping in mind that sharing your story of lived experience can be very emotional, describe how you are willing and able to share your lived experience, as a tool, with others. (500 characters max)

What strengths do you have that would make you a good Peer Support Specialist? (500 characters max)

Have you applied to attend a Peer Support Specialist Training anywhere else? If so, where and when? (500 characters max)

In accordance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), Peer Support Training class participants may, upon request, be provided a reasonable accommodation to support the participation of individuals with disabilities so they can access the training. Examples of reasonable accommodations may include sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, assistive technology or other ways of making information and communications accessible to people with disabilities. Trainers may also make reasonable modifications of the Peer Support Specialist training to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in trainings, programs, services, and activities.

(Contact Information) ~~98X329X748X~~

If you need an accommodation to participate in Peer Support Specialist training, please contact the training entity who is sponsoring the training, . Dee Reid deereidpeertraining@gmail.com

(Name of Trainer/Company)

Please do not share specifics about your medical condition when requesting support to participate in the training.

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Applicant's Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Date _____

I attest that I understand that I must have lived experience of a mental health and/or substance use disorder to receive the North Carolina's Certified Peer Support Specialist Certification.

Applicant's Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Date _____

Cancelation Policy

- Each class must have a minimum of five participants present on the first day of training. If less than five people are present, the class will be cancelled and payment will be refunded.

Refund Policy

The trainer will provide a full and complete refund to a training participant if any of the following occur:

- A class is cancelled in advance by the course owner;
- A class cannot be completed by the training entity due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g., weather event, sickness, etc.);
- A training participant withdraws in writing at least three weeks before the first day of class; or
- Other unforeseen circumstances where justice requires are fund (extenuating medical circumstances where immediate communication is not available)

Refunds will be issued and sent out to a training participant within ten business days of notice of withdrawal or class cancellation.

Submission Instructions

[I will make acceptations on a case-by-case basis for LATE REGISTRATION. Reach out to me so we Can make it happen!](#)

- Applications must be completed, including the 2 requested references, prior to being reviewed.
- Completed applications should be received no later than 30 days prior to the next scheduled training.

If the application is not received 30 days prior, you will be notified and placed "on-hold" until the next scheduled training.

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