



Friends of Recovery – New York (FOR-NY) is pleased to introduce the 2019 NYS Peer Recovery Training Scholarship Program.

FOR-NY received the grant from the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) to award scholarships for training to become a Certified Recovery Peer Advocate (CRPA)! These awards will go to individuals who take their training with a *Best Practice Trainer*.

These trainers will provide comprehensive **training and support** utilizing the *best practice model* (below) developed by FOR-NY in consultation with trainers around the state. The model includes increased mentoring and pairs a trainer with a Recovery Community Organization or Recovery Community Outreach Center.

FOR-NY WILL PROVIDE TRAINERS WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) [Free advertising](#) on [our new website](#) and a spot on the **Best Practice Training Site page**.
- 2) A face to face **screening tool** to use with applicants.
- 3) A [Trainer Resource Page](#) on our website.
- 4) Free **Trainer Learning Collaborative** (monthly conference call meeting) email tknorr@for-ny.org to sign up.
- 5) Free or subsidized **Training of Trainers (TOTs)** to provide certification renewal training and on-going education as needed (see list of possible TOTs for trainings in no. 9 below).
- 6) Outlines of additional **curricula** to develop on-going classes for all of your students.
- 7) **\$450 for RCA** and **\$250 for Ethics** per scholarship recipient.
- 8) **\$12 per credit per student** for certification renewal training.

THE CRPA TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

- 1) FOR-NY will distribute information about the scholarship application process.
 - a. The application will include documentation of HSE/HS diploma or higher,
 - b. two letters of recommendation from an approved list (RCO/TX provider/Sponsor, etc.)
 - c. and CRPA application initiation on file.
- 2) [Recovery Community Organizations](#) (RCOs) or [Recovery Community Outreach Centers](#) will recommend candidates who they feel will follow through on the training and certification process and help to mentor the individual.
- 3) Applicants will complete an on-line “training/workforce readiness assessment,” giving them immediate feedback on what is needed to be successful in the workplace. This will be forwarded to Trainer/RCO/RCOC partnership.
- 4) Successful candidates will complete OASAS/NYCB-approved [on-line MAT training](#) (or provide documentation of other MAT training) in addition to the 46 hours required for CRPA.
- 5) Successful candidates will receive assistance in preparing for and paying for certification and testing:

- a. [Scholarships for certification and testing fees](#) are available through the New York Certification Board (NYCB). Candidates to apply as soon as their training scholarship has been awarded.
- b. RCO/Trainer partnership will periodically host free ASAP-NYCB Peer Recovery Exam Prep workshops for candidates ready or scheduled to test. These workshops to be open to others in the community and posted on the ASAP-NYCB and FOR-NY websites. Details at <http://www.asapnys.org/ny-certification-board/crpa-upgrade/>

Trainer responsibilities (Best Practice):

- 6) Trainers will conduct a **face-to-face screening interview**, utilizing provided screening tool, with potential candidates to determine if someone is training and/or job ready.
- 7) Trainers will provide the initial 46 hours of OASAS/NYCB-approved training (**Both RCA + Ethics, or other approved curriculum**) in partnership with a local RCO/RCOC/YCH or other Treatment/Recovery Support Provider.
- 8) Trainer will **mentor students** through the CRPA certification process via phone, internet, or face to face (total time is avg. 30 minutes per student, per month).
 - a. may assist with obtaining volunteer hours,
 - b. provide resources to prepare for the exam
 - c. and write a letter of recommendation.
- 9) Trainers will host a minimum of **monthly student learning collaboratives** for at least six months (in person or via internet) that may include on-going continuing education (Peer Professionalism, Essential Skills, OSHP, SOAR, Spirituality, Self-Care, Recovery Coaching in the ER, Peer Professional Supervision, etc.) and mentorship.
- 10) Trainer/RCO partnership will assist the applicant in preparing for the CRPA exam using a [study guide](#) or in person class (see no. 5 above).
- 11) Trainers may provide certification **renewal training** (up to 28 credits) by offering OASAS/NYCB-approved training (see list in #10 above and item numbers 5 and 8 in first list for support and reimbursement provided by FOR-NY).

To apply to be a Best Practice Trainer and partner with FOR-NY to support our growing field please email tknorr@for-ny.org.

In strength and hope,

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