



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

The Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) is awarding 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*.

Trainer/RCO partnerships will provide comprehensive **training and support** utilizing the *best practice model* (below) developed by FOR-NY in consultation with trainers around the state.

The CRPA Training Scholarship Program:

- 1) [Recovery Community Organizations](#) (RCOs) or other recovery support provider will recommend candidates who are ready to follow through on training and certification processes and help to support that individual through.
- 2) Candidates will complete **an on-line application**.

The application will include:

- a. Documentation of HSE/HS diploma or higher
 - b. Two letters of recommendation from approved list below
 - i. Recovery Community Organization leader
 - ii. Recovery Support provider
 - iii. Former Treatment provider
 - iv. Employer
 - v. Sponsor
 - vi. Teacher/Trainer
 - c. Documentation of CRPA application initiation on file
 - d. Financial need
 - e. Answers to 3 essay questions to be attached separately
- 3) Trainers will conduct a **face-to-face screening interview**, utilizing provided screening tool, with potential candidates to determine if the candidate is training ready.
 - 4) Successful candidates will complete a **“training/workforce readiness assessment”** on the FOR-NY website which will be forwarded to Trainer/RCO partnership of the applicant’s choice. (This assessment will give immediate feedback to the candidate about areas that they need to improve in.)
 - 5) Trainers will provide the initial **46 hours of approved training** to include both the **RCA + Ethics**, **or other approved curriculum** in partnership with a local RCO/RCOC/YCH or other Treatment/Recovery Support Provider.

- 6) Trainer will **mentor students** through the CRPA certification process. They may assist with obtaining volunteer hours, provide resources to prepare for the exam and write a letter of recommendation, via phone, internet, or face to face. The total time is avg. 30 minutes per student, per month.
- 7) Trainers will host a **monthly student learning collaborative** for at least six months, in person or via internet that may include on-going continuing education. Trainings may include Peer Professionalism, Essential Skills, Our Stories Have Power, Science of Addiction and Recovery, Spirituality, Recovery Coaching in the ER, Peer Professional Supervision, etc.
- 8) Applicants will complete approved [on-line MAT training](#) or provide documentation of other MAT training in addition to the 46 hours required for CRPA.
- 9) 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/>
- 10) Additional [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.
- 11) Trainers may provide certification renewal training (up to 28 credits) by offering OASAS/NYCB-approved training
- 12) If you have already taken the RCA and need **Ethics only** you may also apply for funding below.

- To apply for a **CRPA training** scholarship [click here](#).
- To apply for a **CRPA renewal training** scholarship [click here](#).
- To apply to be a **Best Practice Trainer** and partner with FOR-NY to support our growing field, please email tknorr@for-ny.org for an application.

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