



Certified Recovery Peer Advocate (CRPA) Best Practice Training Scholarship Program Participant Expectations

TO APPLY – Initial three (3) STEPS:



1) **BEFORE** you apply, please prepare to upload *all* documents below:

- Answers to **CPRA Scholarship Essay Questions form Pdf**.
- Documentation of educational status (copy of diploma or GED).
- **Two** recommendations *to the program* from approved list, explaining why you would be an asset to the peer recovery field and that you are ready to attend and follow through on requirements of the program. You may use this form: [RECOMMENDATION form pdf](#).

Approved list of references includes:

- [Recovery Community Organizations](#)
- Recovery support provider
- Former treatment provider
- Current or former employer
- Sponsor or other mentor
- Current or former teacher/academic advisor

*Note: **not acceptable** - references from friends, significant other or family*



2) *Have patience with the process.* It **may take up to 4 weeks** to receive your *preliminary approval* via email and there are other steps to take after approval.



3) Contact a **Best Practice Trainer** to **schedule a screening interview**.

Prior to admission applicants will meet with a trainer for a **face to face screening interview**. Trainers and the FOR-NY team will then make a **decision** about acceptance and may advise additional steps to take.

Eligibility will be determined by region of the state, financial need, appropriateness/readiness for training and extent of lived experience. Only a handful of the best candidates will be approved per region. (NOTE: Current *residential treatment clients* are **not eligible**.)

AFTER PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

In order to move to the next stage (Ethics Training)

Next Four (4) **STEPS**:

 **1)** Create an online "student portal" to track your progress

 **2)** BEFORE you begin your RCA complete a Workforce Readiness Assessment

The results will be forwarded to Trainer/RCO partnership of the applicant's choice. The assessment will give immediate feedback to the candidate about areas that they need to improve in and provides information to your trainer to create a Professional Development Plan.

 **3)** Take the online Medication Assisted Treatment training [here](#)

Please email your MAT training certificate to info@for-ny.org

 **4)** Apply for certification and testing fee funding through NYCB at ASAP [here](#)

STUDENT EXPECTATION

To be enrolled in the Best Practice CRPA training program you must agree to follow through on the minimum requirements below.



The CRPA Training Scholarship Program:

- **Complete all 46 hours of training.** (**Recovery Coach Academy** + Ethics, or other approved curriculum).
- Complete 2 workforce **readiness assessments** (one pre-training and one at the end of all training).
- Complete **online Medication Assisted Treatment training** and/or provide documentation to info@for-ny.org
- Attend minimum monthly **student learning collaborative** and mentor calls to be scheduled by your trainer.

- Apply for **Certification and testing fees** to be paid through the New York Certification Board at ASAP.
- Obtain **Internship** with a prevention, treatment or recovery support service provider. This can be full time or part time but must be completed within 2 years.
- Apply for [CRPA-provisional](#) standing with the NYCB at ASAP
- Complete **500 hour internship** and track hours through the FOR-NY student portal.
- Complete **25 hours of internship supervision** and track hours through the FOR-NY student portal.
- Attend Peer Recovery [exam preparatory classes](#) or utilize study guides and other [resources](#) as needed.
- Sit for the [IC&RC Peer Recovery Examination](#) within 2 years of CRPA-P.
- Apply for [CRPA](#) Certification Up-grade through the NYCB at ASAP.

Once you've passed the examination, you agree to begin to look for paid or volunteer work within the Addiction Prevention, Treatment and/or Recovery Support Services field.

You may post your resume on the ASAP job bank site [here](#).



Additional Important Information

- **PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE.** If you've taken the **RCA** and need to take **Ethics training** you may apply for the BPT scholarship program to be mentored through to certification (please click the button below to apply).
- If you have your CRPA and want to renew it, even if it's lapsed, find out how by visiting the [NYCB renewals page](#). Click here: [CRPA RENEWAL training scholarship](#) to apply for funding for renewal training.

To apply for a CRPA BPT Training Scholarship click the button below:

PLEASE APPLY HERE