



908 KAR 2:220. Adult Peer Support Specialist

Kentucky Adult Peer Support Specialist Training

Application Form and Registration Procedures

*Certified Peer Support Specialists use their experience of recovery from substance use, mental health, or co-occurring disorders to support clients as a part of a treatment team. Newvista.org is pleased to offer **Kentucky Adult Peer Support Specialist Certification Training (APSS)** – a 5 day, 30-hour interactive program designed to provide the skills and knowledge necessary to effectively support clients throughout the recovery process.*

Who can apply?

Anyone with a demonstrated pattern of recovery from addiction, mental illness, or co-occurring disorders, and:

- *a high school diploma or GED*
- *at least 18 years of age or older*
- *two (2) personal references*
- *is available to attend all 30 hours of training: **FULL** attendance is required each day; dates and times cannot be missed or substituted.*



What is the cost to attend?

Cost is tiered by date of registration. Please see www.newvista.org/training for our current fees and registration deadlines.

See our **Frequently Asked Questions** on page 2 for more event details. Additional questions? Contact:

NV Training and Development Dept.
training@newvista.org

*Training and Development
1351 Newtown Pike, Bldg. 3
Lexington, KY 40511*

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I need to miss a day or a few hours of training?

Thirty (30) training hours are required to receive peer support certification in the state of Kentucky. Anyone with obligations that will cause them to miss any portion of the 30-hour course will be offered the opportunity to enroll in a future 30-hour course at New Vista. No partial credit is given, the entire 30 hours must be completed to receive certification.

Is there a mandatory length of sobriety required to take this training?

Employers often require a specific duration of demonstrated recovery to apply for APSS positions. However, no specific duration of sobriety/recovery time is required to attend this certification training. Still, we encourage all individuals interested in becoming peer support specialists to carefully consider the decision with those in your support system who can attest to your readiness.

Does APSS certification transfer to other states?

This training only certifies you as a Kentucky APSS. Reciprocity of your KY peer certification varies across states depending on each state's regulations regarding peer support services.

Are scholarships available?

If you are self-pay and your enrollment is not being paid for by an organization or sponsor you may request a Reduced Fee Scholarship application. If your application is approved, we will send you send you a confirmation email.

How will I receive confirmation of registration?

Confirmed registration requires the timely receipt of ALL application materials and fees, first come first serve. Once all materials (application, references) and payment are received and processed you will be sent a confirmation email from the Training Department. You are not registered until you have received the confirmation email. Submission of application materials alone **does not guarantee you a spot or reserve your seat. Seats are limited!**

The training I wanted to attend is full! Can I get on a waitlist?

We do not manage a waitlist, but we do offer KY APSS certification training quarterly throughout the year. If www.newvista.org/training indicates the upcoming peer training is full before all your application materials were received or processed, you are welcome to register early to guarantee you a spot in the next scheduled training.

Where do I submit my application, references and/or payment? Which payment types are accepted?

Credit cards are the preferred method of payment and will be made online. Please make any checks or money orders out to "Newvista Peer Support". Contact New Vista Training Department at training@newvista.org for any questions. Applications/References can be sent to the aforementioned email address or to:

Attn: Peer Support Training

1351 Newtown Pike, Building 1, Lexington, KY 40511



Adult Peer Support Application

Name:

Employer:

Email address:

Daytime Phone Number:

Mailing Address:

Referred by:

Short Essays

Please answer all questions in brief essay form as completely as possible. Feel free to attach another sheet if you need more space, however this is not required.

1) Why do you want to become a Peer Support Specialist?

2) Why do you feel it is important for Peer Support Specialists to share their stories of recovery with others?

3) What services and supports were important to you during your recovery?



Personal Reference

Please attach two (2) letters of reference from someone in your life who can answer the following: **How does the applicant demonstrate recovery from their mental health or substance use disorder? Why would the application make a good peer support specialist?**

Reference information

Name:

Relationship to applicant:

Mailing address:

Email address:

Name:

Relationship to applicant:

Mailing address:

Email address:



Statement of Qualifications

Kentucky Peer Support Specialists must meet regulatory requirements in order to serve in this role. By initialing each of the following I affirm that:

I am over 18 years of age.

I have a high school diploma or have obtained a GED.

I can supply documentation of a high school diploma or GED if requested.

I have a primary diagnosis of a mental health or substance use disorder.

I have received treatment for my mental health/substance use disorder.

I can demonstrate recovery from my mental health/substance use or co-occurring disorder.

Signature

Date

Print Name