

Credentials – Peer Recovery (PR)

Certification Standards

All applicants must meet the following standards when applying for the Peer Recovery reciprocal credential. All work experience and education hours must be completed within five (5) years of the testing year. Applicants must live or work 51% of the time within Arkansas jurisdiction.

Education: High school diploma or jurisdictionally certified high school equivalency. 46 hours specific to the domains with 10 hours in Advocacy, 10 hours in Mentoring/Education, 10 hours in Recovery/Wellness Support and 16 hours in Ethical Responsibility. Education is defined as formal classroom education, i.e. workshops, seminars, institutes, in-service training, college /university work. One clock hour of education is equal to 50 minutes of continuous instruction.

Experience: 500 hours of supervised work experience under a certified or licensed behavioral healthcare professional is the requirement for the Peer Recovery credential. Supervised work experience must be in the IC&RC/AODA performance domains of Advocacy, Mentoring/Education, Recovery/Wellness Support, Ethical Responsibility. All work experience must be documented as outlined in the Application and Standards manual.

Supervision: 25 hours of supervision specific to the domains. Supervision must be provided by an organization's documented and qualified supervisory staff per job description. Supervision must be specifically related to the knowledge and skills necessary to perform all of the IC & RC Peer Recover (PR) credential with at least ten (10) hours in each domain. The Domains are Advocacy, Mentoring/Education, Recovery/Wellness Support, Ethical Responsibility. Supervision may occur as part of the eligible work/volunteer experience and may be completed under more than one supervisor or agency. All supervision hours must be completed within five (5) years and documented by the qualified supervisory staff.

Code of ethics

The applicant must sign a statement that they understand and agree to comply with the ASACB code of ethics.

Recertification: 20 hours of continuing education must earned within the two-year certification cycle. 6 of those hours must be in ethics. November 1, of odd numbered years is the current re-certification deadline for this credential.

Fees

A non-refundable \$100.00 testing fee payment in the form of a personal check, travelers' check, cashier's check or money order is required as a part of the testing portfolio.

CASH IS NOT ACCEPTED. Note: The \$100.00 testing fee payment allows for one (1) computer examination. A \$100.00 testing fee will be assessed for each subsequent written examination. Exams can only be cancelled or rescheduled (5 days) or more PRIOR to your scheduled examination date.

Cancelling or rescheduling an exam is done directly through IQT's website at www.iqttesting.com. Complete instructions for cancelling or rescheduling an examination are listed on the ASACB website front page. For technical assistance, please contact IQT (toll free) at (866) 773-1114. Upon successful completion of the computer examination and receipt of current biannual certification fee payment, the Peer Recovery Coach certificate will be issued.