

Certified Peer Specialist



Certified Peer Specialists develop supportive relationships with adults and/or transition-aged youth ages 14-17. Certified Peer Specialists are individuals with lived experience with mental health concerns that received specialized training to provide recovery oriented services to others working on their recovery journey. Certified Peer Specialists are required to take and pass the PA Board Certification test within six months of training.

Part-time positions up to 25 hours per week.

Must be able to: establish trusting; respectful relationships; communicate directly and understandably; exercise ethical decision-making skills; write accurately and manage a schedule.

The following are required: ability to pass state approved Peer Specialist Certification course and PA Certification Board test, possess a high school diploma or GED; have 12 months of successful full, part- time or volunteer work experience within the last three years, or 24 credit hours of post-secondary education; lived experience with mental illness, substance use or the mental health system needed.

Entry level Peer Specialists earn between \$10.00 to \$12.00 per hour.