

Become a Maryland Certified Peer Recovery Specialist (CPRS)



The Certified Peer Recovery Specialist (CPRS) certification validates that the person in long-term recovery has obtained formal training and education in the knowledge, skills, and abilities required for each of the five domains.

Use this as your guide to help you navigate the process of obtaining your certification as a CPRS in Maryland.¹

Create your account on: <https://www.mabpcb.com/certified-peer-recovery-specialist-cprs>

On this site, you will complete your application and upload the required documents. Be sure to make a note of your login and password and keep them in a safe place, as you will revisit this several times.

CPRS Requirements

- Applicants must be at least eighteen (18) years old.
- Applicant must be a resident or work in Maryland at least 51% of the time.
- Applicant must self-identify as a person in long-term recovery.

Educational Requirements

- Applicants must provide proof of a High School Diploma or a General Equivalency Degree (GED).
- College transcripts may be submitted instead of a High School diploma or GED.

Service Hour Requirements

- Must complete 500 supervised service hours (paid or volunteer) in a clinical or community setting. Hours must be documented on the Organization's letterhead.

Training Requirements

- 50 total hours² are required, broken down into five (5) specific domains:

DOMAIN	HOURS
Ethics	16
Advocacy	10
Mentoring & Education	10
Wellness & Recovery	10
Harm Reduction	4

Supervision Requirements

- 30 total hours of documented supervision by Registered Peer Supervisor (RPS).³
- Supervision must take place at least twice per month.
- Five (5) hours of supervision must be given in each of the five (5) domains noted under Training Requirements.

Certification

After you meet these requirements, you are eligible to submit your application for approval to take the test. The cost as of 2025 is \$125.

Once your application is approved, you may schedule the CPRS exam. There is no fee for the initial exam attempt. If you do not pass, each subsequent attempt costs \$50. Once you pass, your certification will be valid for two years.

To transfer your CPRS, apply for reciprocity through your current IC&RC board; the receiving board will review and outline any extra requirements.

Recertification Requirements

A CPRS certificate is only **valid for two years**. To recertify:

- Applicants must hold a current and valid CPRS certificate issued by MABPCB.
- Applicants must acquire 20 hours of MABPCB-approved peer recovery specialist-specific education, to which a minimum of six (6) hours of Ethical Consideration has been obtained within the two-year recertification cycle.
- Provide documentation of the required CEUs.
- Complete the recertification application. As of 2025, the cost is \$125.

¹ This information applies to Maryland Peer Recovery certification only. Requirements and processes vary by state. For information about other states, please check with your state's certification board.

² Mosaic Group's Reverse the Cycle training is board-approved for acceptable CEUs. See the MABPCB website for the list of additional trainings.

³ A Registered Peer Supervisor is someone who has completed a 6-hour supervisor course that is approved by the MAPBCP and submitted an application to be an RPS.

Maryland Registered Peer Supervisor (RPS) Certification



The Maryland Registered Peer Supervisor (RPS) certification¹ validates that the individual has completed the training and supervisory experience necessary to oversee Peer Recovery Coaches working toward their CPRS. It recognizes competency in guiding, supporting, and evaluating peers in alignment with professional standards and organizational expectations within behavioral health, recovery, and crisis support settings.

The supervisor may or may not have a personal lived experience, but is familiar with the peer recovery specialist's job tasks and requirements. This is a non-reciprocal credential offered at the state level.

Apply at: <https://www.mabpcb.com/registered-peer-supervisor>

RPS Certification Requirements

- Applicants must have one (1) year of experience in a Supervisor/Director role including supervising Peer Recovery Specialists in the behavioral health, recovery, and/or crisis support field.
- Individuals who currently hold a CPRS:
 - Must have held a CPRS certification for at least two (2) years and successfully completed recertification.
 - Must have documentation of six (6) months of direct supervision of Peer Recovery Specialists or in the role as a Lead Peer within your current organization per the organization's job description.
 - Must provide a letter of support from your current Registered Peer Supervisor.

- Administrative/Clinical professionals:
 - Must have six (6) months in a supervisory position in the behavioral health field.
 - Must complete the six (6) hour "Supervising Peers" training.
- The application fee for the Registered Peer Supervisor Certification is \$100.

Recertification Requirements

- An RPS must take a 6 hour "Supervising Peers" refresher course every two years.
- The application fee for the Renewal of the Registered Peer Supervisor Status is \$100.

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