

## **Certified Recovery Specialist Certificate – Noncredit**

*Workforce Development and Continuing Education/Healthcare Education*

Participants in this course gain the knowledge as skills needed to achieve a fulfilling career helping others overcome addiction. This course provides the student with the educational opportunity to become prepared to obtain certification as a Certified Recovery Specialist. The Certified Recovery Specialist can provide critical support to people in additional treatment because of their real-world experience living in recovery.

### *Career Opportunities*

The Certified Recovery Specialist (CRS) will work in partnership with healthcare professionals and community-based services to engage individuals that may benefit from recovery support services.

### *Competency Profile*

This curriculum is designed to prepare students to:

- Describe public policy issues with respect to the opioid epidemic
- Describe advocacy efforts for the use of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- Describe advocacy efforts for the decriminalization or lessening of criminal penalties in relation to individuals suffering from Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), as well as other Substance Use Disorders (SUD)
- Describe the various levels of care in treating SUDs
- Describe the differences between screening and assessment
- Understand ethics and responsibility as it relates to various treatment modalities

## **PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

High school diploma or GED required and must be documented. Degrees must be from an accredited college or university that is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or the Council on Higher Education Accreditation and can be provided in lieu of a high school diploma/GED. Effective April 1, 2017, the Certified Recovery Specialist (CRS) credential requires the person applying for the CRS to have lived experience, to attest that they have had 18 months, in a continuous manner, of a personal lived recovery experience, and to provide a statement of lived experience as part of the CRS application process.

## **RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE FOR STUDENTS**

Students must complete the program in the following sequence:

N/A