Mental Health Peer Specialist Training Program

Use your own lived experience with mental health challenges and recovery to become a peer support worker in the human services sector.

Work in a variety of settings:
- inpatient/outpatient facilities
- substance abuse facilities
- incarceration diversion programs
- mandated recovery programs
- supportive housing
- community centers
- child welfare agencies and others

Training provides:
- Peer support services instruction
- Peer technology instruction
- NY State certification preparation
- Loaner laptop and headset
- 125+ hour internship
- Employment readiness training
- Employment placement assistance
- Stipend for participation and completion of entire program, including internship

Program is offered free of charge for eligible participants.

Eligibility:
- Interest in working as a mental health peer support worker
- 18+ years old with “lived experience” with mental health challenges and recovery
- Available full-time for approx. 8 months
- Able to attend classes both online and in-person
- Legally eligible to work in the U.S.
- Able to show proof of full COVID vaccination
- Valid (not expired) NY State ID or DL
- High school diploma or equivalent
- Reliable WiFi service
- Ready and willing to work upon course and internship completion

Time: Training: M/W: 10am-4pm, T/TH: 10am-2pm, F: 10am-12pm
Place: Hybrid (in-person classes at LaGuardia)

For more information, please contact MHPeerSpecialist@lagcc.cuny.edu

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