

LaGuardia Community College Workforce Development

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.

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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

Dates: Training: February 1 – April 29, 2022;
Internship: approx. May – July; Job Placement Assistance: approx. August – September

Time: Training: M/W: 10am-4pm, T/TH: 10am-2pm, F: 10am-12pm

Place: Hybrid (in-person classes at LaGuardia)

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