



Mental Health Peer Support Specialist Certificate

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SEMESTER 1	CREDITS	MILESTONE	COMPLETED
HUS 101 – Introduction to Human Services	3		<input type="checkbox"/>
HUS 201 – Counseling Skills	3		<input type="checkbox"/>

TOTAL CREDITS 6

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SEMESTER 2	CREDITS	MILESTONE	COMPLETED
HUS 103 –Stress Management and Relapse Prevention	3		<input type="checkbox"/>
ENG 101 – English Composition I	3		<input type="checkbox"/>

TOTAL CREDITS 6

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SEMESTER 3	CREDITS	MILESTONE	COMPLETED
HUS 153 – Field Placement I (well-prepared students could take in summer)	4		<input type="checkbox"/>
150-hour internship			<input type="checkbox"/>

TOTAL CREDITS 4

You've FINISHED!

General Advising Notes

- Students in this program will be most successful if they have lived experience for themselves or others with a mental health or substance abuse diagnosis.
- Pre reqs for HUS 153 will be waived by permission of instructor for this program.
- In order for a student to be eligible to participate in an academic, community or clinical program that involves potential unsupervised contact with children, the disabled, the elderly, or other vulnerable populations, the student may be required to undergo a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check and/or a Sex Offender Registry Information (SORI) check.

Career and Transfer Outlook

Peer support specialists are a form of Community Health Worker. Community health workers promote wellness by helping people adopt healthy behaviors. Community health workers are employed in a variety of settings, including hospitals, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies. Most work full time. According to the US Department of Labor in 2021 Community Health Workers earned an average of \$48,860 per year or \$23.49/hour. Overall employment of health education specialists and community health workers is projected to grow 12 percent from 2021 to 2031, much faster than the average for all occupations.

Certificate Programs

Certificate programs can serve as the basis for further higher education or professional studies. Certificate programs require students to complete specified coursework, mainly related to particular fields of employment.

While many students enroll in a certificate program in preparation for direct entry into employment, they often return to college, part time or full time, and apply the credits previously earned to an associate degree program.

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