

Peer Support Specialist

INDUSTRY FACTS



What do peer support specialists do?

Everyone has their vices. Those unhealthy (but generally harmless) habits

we develop over time. But left unchecked, those innocuous behaviors can transform into devastating addictions. Peer support specialists generally have experience navigating their own dependencies and mental health issues. They are compassionate, patient, understanding, and possess excellent interpersonal skills.

Here's a breakdown of their responsibilities:

- Evaluating clients' mental and physical health, addiction, or problematic behavior
- Assessing patients' readiness for treatment
- Developing, recommending, and reviewing treatment goals and plans with clients and their families
- Assisting patients in developing skills and behaviors necessary to recover from their addiction
- Working with clients to identify behaviors or situations that interfere with their recovery



Where do they work?

Peer support specialists work in a variety of environments that range from mental health centers and community centers to prisons and private practices.

How much do they earn?

There's something about working in a field that is meaningful and pays well—particularly in a world where more and more professionals are looking to make a real difference in the lives of others. According to PayScale.com, the average hourly rate as a peer support specialist is \$14.82.*

*PayScale. "Average Peer Support Specialist Hourly Pay" Payscale.com. Accessed April 25, 2023.

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PROGRAM DETAILS

Prepare For A Better Job

Addiction is a tragic illness. An illness that impacts all our lives in one way or another. Are you compassionate? Empathetic? Do you possess excellent interpersonal skills? Then you'll probably find working as a peer support specialist to be incredibly rewarding.

Learn Your Way (From Home)

With online training, you can absorb more knowledge and learn more skills—fast.

- Study on a schedule that fits your life
- Progress at a pace that matches your learning style
- Adjust the time and effort you devote to your coursework each day

Receive Coaching and Guidance

When you train with CareerStep, we back you every step of the way—from enrollment through course completion.

- Learner support
- Technical support
- Career support (interview coaching and resume reviews)

Program Outline

Module Name
Program Orientation
Advocacy, Mentoring, and Empowerment
Concepts of Addition Recovery
HIPAA for Mental and Behavioral Health
Program Completion