

PEER RECOVERY SUPPORT SPECIALIST TRAINING AT GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

Greetings – Thank you for your interest in the PRSS program at GSU. **We are now accepting applications** for the Fall 2023 Group Training Program.

Governors State University (GSU) announces a Peer Recovery Support Specialist (PRSS) Training Opportunity, funded through The Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) Behavioral Workforce Education and Training for Paraprofessionals grant, the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery (SUPR), and Division of Mental Health (DMH). This PRSS Training Program requires 3 courses (118 classroom hours proposed schedule attached) and a 300-clock hour internship. The didactic curriculum provides trainees with the necessary knowledge, skills, and attitudes to provide evidence-based peer recovery support services.

The 15- week 300 clock hour supervised internship will occur at a licensed substance use disorder treatment, recovery facility, integrated health setting, emergency department, drug court or similar agency, that support peer recovery roles. The training is provided at **NO COST** to the trainee. Trainees will receive a stipend for completing the 300-clock hour practical experience.

Requirements for the PRSS Training Program include:

- Possess a minimum of a high school diploma or GED.
- Lived experience with substance use, mental health or behavioral health disorders and recovery.
- Interest in peer-focused support and coaching.
- Submission of the PRSS Application.
- Two letters of recommendation.
- Willingness to work with underrepresented populations in underserved areas.
- Completion of the three courses and supervised internship (300 hours) requirements.

If you are interested in applying for this program, click on the Survey Monkey application link to complete the form. The application contains multiple pages, so make sure to click the 'NEXT' button at the bottom of each survey page. Within the application **form linked below** you will be required to list 2 references. After completing the application you need to send the PRSS reference link listed there to your references (copy and paste reference link to your email to your reference explaining your request) .

This [PRSS TRAINING APPLICATION FORM](#) and two Recommendations must be submitted and received by Monday, July 17th , 2023

Applications will be reviewed, and potential trainees will be invited for a program interview. Following the interview, accepted participants will receive a confirmation notice by **August 11th, 2023**. The confirmation email will include the Zoom link for the **required virtual ORIENTATION meeting on Friday, August 18th at 6:00 p.m.** Spots are limited for each training, so individuals who are not selected will be notified and are encouraged to add their names to the waitlist for the next training session.

The Spring 2023 Program classes will begin virtual Zoom webinars. **The first all day training program is a virtual Zoom webinar on Saturday, August 19th 2023 from 8:30-3:30** (30 min. lunch break) **and continue weekly through December 16th, 2023** (excluding holiday weekends). A detailed schedule will be provided with the acceptance email.

If accepted, students are expected to not miss a class. If an emergency occurs students are expected to contact program administrators prior to absence to request an excused makeup.

Approved makeup classes will be held during the next training session and although internship progress will not be heeded the student's completion certification will be withheld until all sessions are completed.

We look forward to hearing from you!

GSU-PRSS Training Team

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