

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

*If I was previously certified as a Kansas Certified Peer Specialist (KCPS) what level of training, if any, will I be required to take to continue working in the field?*

CPS's currently working in the field who were previously certified and have been working in the field within the last two years will have their prior certification acknowledged and will **not** be required to take the KCPS training. However, you will need to make application for the new KDADS Certification, providing all required documents including proof of employment. To apply, please visit [the KDADS Peer Support Training WebPortal](#).

*Note:* Level One training (online) is open to any individual who wants to learn more about peer support and could serve as a "refresher" for those interested.

*What is the time frame for currently employed peer support staff for completing the training?*

All persons currently billing for peer support services, who are not currently certified, have 4 months to complete Level one training (online) and pass the exam with 80% proficiency. They will have up to one year from date of completion of Level one to complete Level two (in – person) and pass the exam with 80% proficiency.

*What happens if a currently employed peer support staff fails all 3 attempts of either Level One or Level Two training?*

Any person who has not passed the corresponding exam in three attempts, will be required to repeat that level of training in order to continue to provide billable peer support services.

*What are the requirements for supervision of Kansas Certified Peer Specialists in Training (KCPST) and Kansas Certified Peer Specialists (KCPS)?*

KCPST may provide 20 hours of direct services per week and are required to participate in one hour of supervision per week.

KCPS may provide 30 hours of direct services per week and are required to participate in one hour of supervision per week.

*Is supervision required for the duration of a Kansas Certified Peer Specialist's employment?*

The expectation would be that all fully certified peer specialists (KCPS) would receive supervision in either individual or group formats for the duration of their employment.

*What if there are Kansas Certified Peer Specialists who are already working 40 hours per week and receive less supervision than the new guidelines – will we need to switch to the new guidelines?*

Supervision is recognized as a key to professional development and quality service. It is the expectation that supervision continue as a support for Kansas Certified Peer Specialists while in Training as well as once Certified.

*What types of continuing education or trainings are required for Kansas Certified Peer Specialists?*

In accordance with the CPS Code of Ethics, Kansas Certified Peer Specialists must maintain current knowledge of the recovery practices. A minimum requirement of six hours of continuing education units annually is established by KDADS and may be supplemented with additional requirement from hiring organizations. Topics may include ethics, boundaries, skill development and cultural competency.

*Will CEUs be available for this training?*

For those pursuing CEUs to meet professional licensure requirements, CEUs may be requested to KDADS and will be determined on a case by case basis.

*What training are CPS supervisors required to take?*

CPS supervisors are strongly encouraged to take the Level One (online) training in order to be able to support and reinforce skills and concepts Kansas Certified Peer Specialists are expected to demonstrate in practice.

All individuals providing supervision to Kansas Certified Peer Specialists are required to complete Supervisor Training which will be available online and focuses on peer support principles and supervision. This training will be available by end of summer of 2019.