

Peer Specialist Mental Health Certificate Advanced Course

Interactive Classes

Classes will be conducted by experts working and teaching in the behavioral health field, as well as peer practitioners who have years of experience serving the San Francisco community. Students will have regular opportunities to practice the skills and techniques learned in class through interactive exercises with classmates and instructors.



Specialized Training

Students will be trained in topics relevant to the peer counseling field, such as: Counseling Interventions, Goal Setting and Care Planning, Cultural Competence, Boundaries and Ethics, Client and Community Advocacy, Peer Supervision and Mentoring, Documentation, Self-Care, and more!

In January 2016, Richmond Area Multi-Services Inc. (RAMS), will offer an **8-week Peer Specialist Mental Health Certificate Advanced Course** to *mental health consumers and family members* residing in San Francisco, with the aim of reaching the underserved and underrepresented San Francisco communities.

The Advanced Course is designed to support and educate people who have experience providing peer services and/or have participated in volunteer and consumer advocacy work in the behavioral health field, and would like to obtain specialized peer counseling training, professional development and networking opportunities. Through the class, students will expand their knowledge and build confidence and skills in providing high quality peer specialist/counseling services in the community.

Winter 2015-16 Course Details

The Advanced Course will take place from **January 26, 2016** to **March 17, 2016**.

Classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3PM to 6PM at The Women's Building: 3543 18th Street (at Valencia). The course is free of cost to students.

KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

Application Release Date: November 13, 2015
Open Houses: November 19 and December 1, 2015 3PM-5PM
Application Due Date: December 16, 2015 by 5PM
First Day of Instruction: January 26, 2016

Application & Minimum Qualifications

- At least 18 years of age and a San Francisco resident
- Have completed a High School education or GED
- Lived experience as a consumer (or family member of a consumer) of behavioral health services
- Be able to commit to attending classes for 8 weeks
- Individuals with work experience, training or education in peer counseling highly encouraged to apply