

Certified Peer Specialist Examination

As of September 2008 the pen and paper exam is administered throughout the year at various locations around Kansas. You must sign up to take the exam.

The sign up process will be provided to all participants the week of the training. The first opportunity for you to take your exam is approximately one month after your class completes the training. **The exam is not offered at the end of the training week.** For CAP grads, please contact CAP for information about signing up and taking the exam.

Your exam is scored by a panel made up of at least two Certified Peer Specialists from Center for Community Support & Research. In order to receive your exam results (either pass or fail) you **MUST** provide us with your email address prior to taking the exam. A good time to do this is at your training, or no later than when you sign up to take the exam.

You can sign up for the exam by contacting Beth Filson at (316) 978-3468 or 1-800-445-0116 or beth.filson@wichita.edu. If you are working as a CPS and have provided the name of your supervisor, an electronic notice will be sent to your supervisor at the same time as notice is sent to you.

If a CAP (KU Consumer As Provider) graduate has not taken the certification exam as part of the CAP class he or she can sign up to take the exam during any of the statewide, scheduled exam sessions. CAP grads may contact the CAP program or beth.filson@wichita.edu for any questions. You must register in advance to take the exam. We will confirm that the person has graduated from CAP and is eligible to take the exam.

The exam status is either a PASS or FAIL. No numerical scores are assigned to the exam. Exam details are not discussed with examinees or other supporters or colleagues.

Please see Tutoring Support for important information.

Record of Certification:

Records of your certification, as well as a record of all Advanced Trainings you have attended will be maintained in your electronic file. Please create a user profile on www.trainingteams.org. This will be required for all CPSs. If you do not have an email address, you can sign up for free email. Ask a friend or colleague for assistance if you are new to the Internet.

Tutoring Support:

We offer a one-and-one-half day optional tutoring session for any examinee who will re-take the exam. Tutoring is not offered to anyone who has not yet taken the exam at least once. Please contact Beth Filson for information about tutoring support at 316-978-3468 or 1-800-445-0116 or beth.filson@wichita.edu.

Because we honor consumer empowerment, it is imperative that support needs and questions about taking the exam and/or tutoring are addressed directly with the person who will receive this support. We will be happy to also arrange a conference call with the Peer Specialist and his/her supervisor. Supporters (case managers, therapists, friends or family) should not call with questions about the CPS's exam performance. The Peer Specialist may call at any time to discuss questions he or she may have about the exam, exam process, and tutoring options.