

309.0831 Requirements for registration as an alcohol and drug peer support specialist.

An applicant for registration as an alcohol and drug peer support specialist shall pay the board an initial fee for registration, and shall:

- (1) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- (2) Have obtained a high school diploma or equivalent;
- (3) Have completed five hundred (500) hours of board-approved experience working with persons having a substance use disorder, twenty-five (25) hours of which shall have been under the direct supervision of:
 - (a) A certified alcohol and drug counselor who has at least two (2) years post-certification experience and has attended the board-sponsored supervision training;
 - (b) A licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselor who has at least twelve (12) months of post-licensure experience or has attended the board-sponsored supervision training; or
 - (c) Under supervision of the board, a registered alcohol and drug peer support specialist who has at least two (2) years of post-registered experience and has attended the board-sponsored supervision training;
- (4) Have completed at least forty (40) classroom hours of board-approved curriculum;
- (5) Have passed a written examination that has been approved by the board;
- (6) Have signed an agreement to abide by the standards of practice and code of ethics approved by the board;
- (7) Attest to being in recovery for a minimum of twelve (12) consecutive months from a substance-related disorder;
- (8) Have completed at least sixteen (16) hours of ethics training; three (3) hours of domestic violence training; two (2) hours of training in the transmission, control, treatment, and prevention of the human immunodeficiency virus; ten (10) hours of advocacy training; ten (10) hours of training in mentoring and education; and ten (10) hours of training in recovery support;
- (9) Have submitted two (2) letters of reference from certified alcohol and drug counselors or licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselors;
- (10) Live or work at least a majority of the time in Kentucky; and
- (11) Have complied with the requirements for the training program in suicide assessment, treatment, and management in KRS 210.366 and any administrative regulations promulgated thereunder.

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