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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

Q What are the requirements to become a Certified Recovery Specialist (CRS)?

A The requirements to become a CRS can be found on page 2 of the [CRS application](#).

Q How much does it cost to become a CRS?

A The costs to become a CRS include the testing fee, of \$125.00; a fee to have your application notarized, this fee varies; and the cost of trainings, this fee varies as well. Retest fees cost \$75.00.

Q How often are trainings held?

A Collectively, training sessions and series can be found throughout the year in different regions of the state. Some agencies may only host individual sessions, while others may host a training series once a year or multiple times each year.

Q Where can I find trainings?

A You can view PRO•A's Recovery Institute Training Program upcoming trainings at <http://pro-a.org/upcoming-trainings-2/>. This page will provide a link to the schedule, address, and contact for each of the scheduled trainings.

To locate trainings, you may also visit the [Pennsylvania Certification Board \(PCB\)](#) website for a list of approved trainings.

You may also locate trainings on [The Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs \(DDAP\) Training Management System](#). You must create an account or log into an existing account to view and search for trainings on this site.

Q I can't find any trainings; how can I receive notification when trainings become available?

A If you would like to be added to a PRO•A training request list you may contact the Program Coordinator, Marianna Horowitz, by email at mhorowitz@pro-a.org. Please provide your name, phone number, email address and county of residence.



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Q How do I know what trainings to take?

A Other than Confidentiality and Ethics training sessions there are no specific trainings you are required to attend. Rather, you will need to complete 54 hours of education in specific domains. For more information on the tasks and skills to be covered in these domains you may view the [Candidate Guide for Certified Recovery Specialists](#).

Q How can I prepare myself for the exam?

A The training sessions you attend should prepare you in a general way for the exam. The exam will be based on critical thinking and applied knowledge. To find information on tasks you should be able to complete, knowledge sets and skill fields, as well as sample questions, see the [Candidate Guide for Certified Recovery Specialists](#).

You can also find information on examinations and a link for study materials at <https://www.pacertboard.org/examinations>.

Q How do I schedule my exam?

A After meeting the requirements, found on page 2 of the [CRS application](#), you will need to complete the CRS application and submit it to the Pennsylvania Certification Board (PCB). You should receive a message from the board and information on how to register for the exam within 10 business days.

Q Where can I get the Certified Recovery Specialist application?

A You can view and print the CRS application [here](#).

Q What do I need to do to recertify?

A For information on recertification please visit <https://www.pacertboard.org/recertification-faqs>. You may submit your application online, or you can download, complete the [Recertification Application](#) and submit via mail.

Q How do I contact the Pennsylvania Certification Board (PCB)?

A You can contact the PCB by phone by email at info@pacertboard.org.