

SC SHARE's 2016 Certified Peer Support Specialist Training:

Our Certified Peer Support Specialist training has gained a reputation as a meaningful, relevant, and enlightening.

- February 22-25 Feb 29-March 3, 2016
- July 18-21 and July 25-28, 2016

The class size is capped at 20.

We have seating for 16 students with 4 extras invited to guarantee a full class. The class is kept to a manageable size so that students can grapple at a deeply personal level with the material during the discussion sessions.

Class runs 9am - 5pm for 8 days. 52 hours of training. (one-hour lunch and 2 breaks) 30 minutes of homework for 5 of the 8 days.

Our training philosophy:

"We work on ourselves, then in order to help others. And we help others as a vehicle for working on ourselves." (Ram Daas & Paul Gorman, How Can I Help?)

We focus on co-occurring throughout the training blending mental illness and substance use information to support integrated care.

Training strategy:

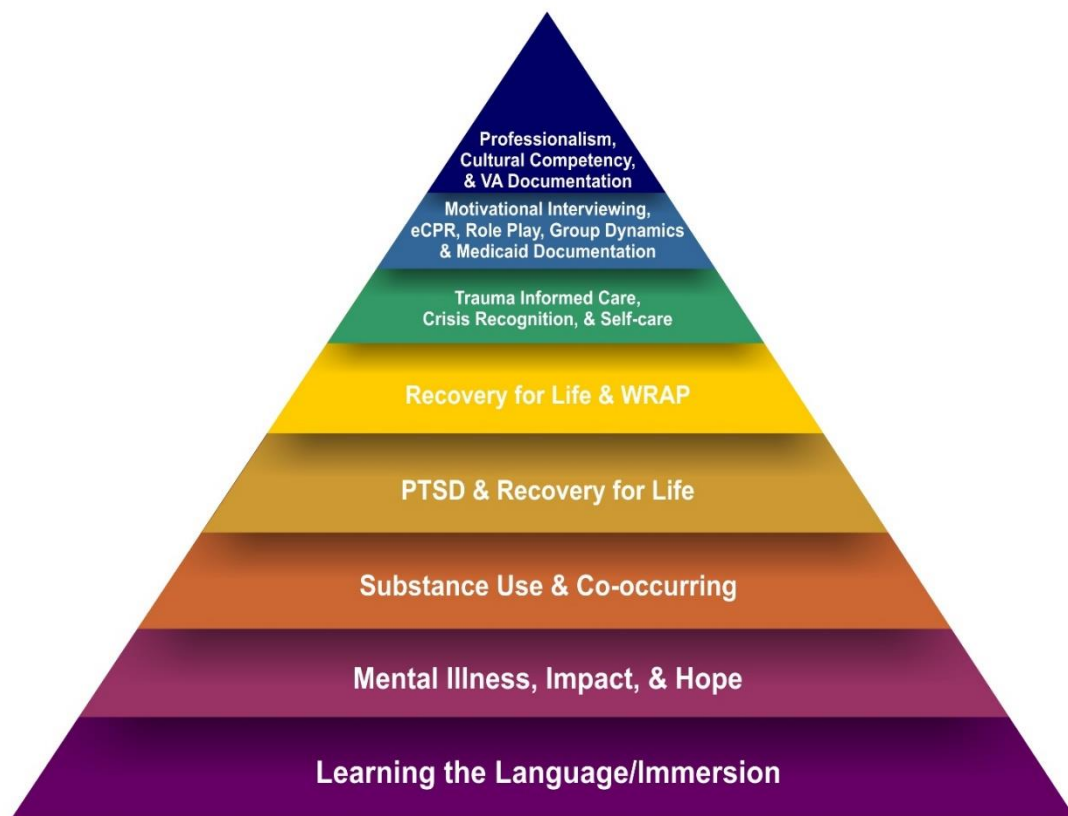
- Lectures
- 3 movies
 - I Ride*
 - Anderson Cooper's CNN news story on Schizophrenia
 - Kevin McCauley's *Memo to Self: Protecting Sobriety with the Science of Safety*
- Role plays
- Small group and skill building exercises
- Testimonies of former students

We see this training as just as much of a personal training as a professional training.

Core Teaching staff:

- Holly Bender, CPSS
- Lloyd Hale, CPSS
- Natasha Scott, MA, LPC/1
- Dave Pruett, CPSS
- Marc Massey, CPSS
- Wayne Godfrey, CPSS
- Chris Wells, M. Ed.
- Beth Padgett, M. Ed.
- Julian Green, LMSW
- Constance Sheppard, DSW
- Elizabeth Gladden, CPSS

Curriculum Overview:



Statements from the Training Evaluation:

“This was taught and tested not to fail you but to better prepare you for the job.”

“This whole experience has been a gift and a blessing. I’m a better person just from being a part of this training. The training exceeded my expectations”

“I loved the dynamic presentations on relevant topics related to the recovery process.”

“I learned that I am the expert in living with mental illness and I’ve earned a seat at the table.”

“I have a better understanding of mental health and substance use.”

“There are many pathways – I believe that and at first I didn’t.”

“I learned to NOT ask why but instead to ask what happened – this gives the person the power to be open.”

“I wouldn’t change or trade this experience for anything! I feel like SC SHARE taught me how to ride a bike with training wheels so that when I’m employed without training wheels I will be successful!”

“I hated when training was over! This was a very good life changing experience.”

“It was a wealth of information.”

“I feel very prepared. They gave me all of the tools that I need to make a difference with my peers.”