

New York State Certified Peer Worker Program Continuing Education Units (CEUs):

Guidance for Certified Peer Workers

To maintain Certification, NYS Certified Peer Workers must complete a minimum of **10 hours** of training, or “Continuing Education Credits” (CEUs) **per year**. You may hear this referred to as “Recertification” or “Certification Renewal.” CEUs are verified every **two years**.

This means Certified Peer Workers **must** complete a total of **20 hours** of training every **2 years** to remain a CPW.

As stated in the Code of Ethics, “Certified Peer Workers [must] follow the standard requirements for continuing education training as established by the certification body...”

Certified Peer Workers who are obtaining CEUs are encouraged to attend training related to HIV, HCV, HR, and/or PrEP, and improve and strengthen the Certified Peer Worker’s ability to provide services. Courses can be found at www.hivtrainingny.org. CPWs may take **any related** courses for CEUs, and/or other training programs such as AETC, CEI or T-TAP.

The CEUs must be submitted prior to their date of expiration. Typically, the certificate is valid for two years. If you are not sure when your renewal date is, please check your current certificate, which lists when it is valid through/when it expires. NYS Certified Peer Workers should strive to complete and submit proof of their CEUs **at least 30 days prior** to their certification date. CEUs not submitted by the deadline will result in the CPW’s certification to be reported as inactive.

The Center for Public Health Education (CPHE) Program at Stony Brook University, which serves as the Peer Certification Academic Center is charged with verifying CEU hours, issuing renewals, and tracking if CPWs remain in compliance with this requirement. Non-compliance may result in loss of Certification.

Please Note: All classes not taken through hivtrainingny.org must have proof of hours uploaded to the website to count for CEUs.

For further information, or if you have any questions regarding CEUs, please contact:

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