



# ARKANSAS PEER SPECIALIST PROGRAM



The Arkansas Peer Specialist Program (APSP) is an innovative three-tiered credentialing process that allows an individual the opportunity to progress through the core, advanced, and supervision levels of The Arkansas Model. This process is designed to produce highly trained and knowledgeable peer specialists. The APSP is a collaborative effort between NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals, and the State of Arkansas. This organized system will streamline each step of the credentialing process and allow users access to a one-stop shop for all their peer credentialing needs.

**Begin advancing through the Arkansas Peer Recovery Career Ladder today!**

## Arkansas Core Peer Recovery Specialist (PR)

### Eligibility requirements\*:

- GED, high school diploma, or higher
- A minimum of two years of recovery from lived experience with substance use disorders
- Have not committed a sexual offense or murder or have any active warrants

**Step 1:** Apply to the APSP PR Program.

**Step 2:** Become a Peer in Training (PIT).

- Complete the 30-hour core training.
- Be paired with a Peer Recovery Peer Supervisor (PRPS).

**Step 3:** Complete the remaining required education and experience.

- An additional 16 education hours.
- 500 experience hours (including 100 hours of domain-specific experience to be comprised of 25 hours of advocacy experience, 25 hours of ethical responsibility experience, 25 hours of mentoring/education experience, and 25 hours of recovery/wellness experience)
- 25 hours of domain-specific peer supervision (individual/group).

**Step 4:** Pass the PR state credentialing exam.

## Arkansas Advanced Peer Recovery Specialist (APR)

### Eligibility requirements\*:

- A current Arkansas Core Peer Recovery Specialist (PR) state credential
- Have a current Peer Supervisor (PRPS)

**Step 1:** Complete the required education and experience.

- 35 education hours (including the 18-hour Advanced training);
- 500 experience hours (including 100 hours of domain-specific experience to be comprised of 25 hours of advocacy experience, 25 hours of ethical responsibility experience, 25 hours of mentoring/education experience, and 25 hours of recovery/wellness experience);
- 25 hours of domain-specific peer supervision (individual/group); and

**Step 2:** Pass the APR state credentialing exam.

## Arkansas Peer Recovery Peer Supervisor (PRPS)

### Eligibility requirements\*:

- A current Arkansas Advanced Peer Recovery Specialist (APR) state credential
- Current employment a PR or APR
- A minimum of 1-2 years of consistent employment as an APR
- A minimum of three years of recovery from lived experience with a substance use disorder

**Step 1:** Complete the required education and experience.

- 40 education hours (including the 24-hour Supervisor training);
- 500 experience hours (including 250 hours of supervised work experience and 250 hours of providing supervision, 50 hours of which must take place under the supervision of a more experienced peer supervisor);
- Complete 25 hours of peer supervision provided by NAADAC's Peer Specialist Program Manager and the Arkansas Peer Advisory Committee; and

**Step 2:** Pass the PRPS state credentialing exam.

*\*For more detailed eligibility requirements, please visit [www.naadac.org/arkansas-peer-specialist-program](http://www.naadac.org/arkansas-peer-specialist-program).*