Wisconsin Certified Peer Specialist Recertification
Continuing Education Hours/Units

Wisconsin Peer Specialist certification is valid for two years. In this two year period, 20 total hours of Continuing Education (CEH) and/or Continuing Education Units (CEU) must be obtained to qualify for recertification.

The conversion rate for CEU/CEH is: .1 CEU = 1 CEH

The required areas of education are:

1. **Cultural Competence**—the ability to interact effectively with people of different cultures. Cultural competence is the ability to understand behavior from the standpoint of the members of a culture and to behave in a way that would be understood by the members of the culture in the intended way. Cultural competence involves understanding all aspects of a culture, particularly the social structure, the values and beliefs of the people and the way things are assumed to be done.

2. **Ethics and Boundaries** — to acquire the skills to be able to understand and maintain confidentiality and appropriate boundaries. To recognize when to seek guidance or consultation. (These could include the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) training and ethical decision making models.)

3. **Trauma Informed Care** - Trauma-informed care is an approach to engaging people with histories of trauma that recognizes the presence of trauma symptoms and acknowledges the role that trauma has played in their lives.

4. **Peer Specialist Specific** — to increase the skills in the role of a Peer Specialist in working with participants. These might Wellness Recovery Action Plans (WRAP), Recovery, Person-Centered Planning, Motivational Interviewing, etc.

5. **Substance Use Disorder** — to acquire knowledge and increase skills in the ability to engage people with a history of substance use disorder as well as mental health and recognize the role that substance use disorder has played in their lives.

**There must be at least 1.5 training hours in each of the five required categories.** Certified Peer Specialists may choose any other continuing education courses they wish
related to the Peer Specialist field, and must have a minimum of 20 hours of continuing education based on the Wisconsin Peer Specialist Core Training Competencies. **Certified Peer Specialists are solely responsible for maintaining their Continuing Education Hours and documentation and providing documentation of completion to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM).**

The recertification form can also be downloaded at: [www.sce-peerspecialist.uwm.edu](http://www.sce-peerspecialist.uwm.edu)

After two years, recertification does not involve taking another certification test unless the initial Certification has lapsed and then the test must be retaken.

The recertification renewal fee is $50 every two years.

For further information on the Wisconsin Peer Specialist Certification Exam please contact:

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WI Peer Specialist Program Coordinator  
608-242-8484 ext 224 or 1-800-362-9877 ext. 224  
alicemp@accessstoind.org  
[www.wicps.org](http://www.wicps.org)

Thank you.

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**Peer Specialists**  
*Igniting Recovery*

Effective beginning 2014 recertification
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You must have at least 1.5 hours in each required area. Please do not submit copies of certificates.

Please note which area each event falls under. If the topic falls outside of these requirements, please use this form to document on going educational hours.

All Certified Peer Specialists must document at least 20 hours of continuing education for recertification purposes.

Recertification Continuing Education Hours Report

Name: Wisconsin Certified Peer Specialist

Address: 
Phone #: 
Email: 

 UW-Milwaukee School of Continuing Education

Please return forms and $50.00 recertification fee to:

161 W Wisconsin Ave Suite 6000
Milwaukee, WI 53202-2602

Check is to be made out to:

LW-CW Madison, Inc.
Please do not submit copies of certificates.

You must have at least 1.5 hours in each required area. Please note which area each event falls under. If the topic falls outside of those requirements, please specify.

Required areas of education are: Cultural Competency, Ethics and Boundaries, Trauma-Informed Care, Substance Use Disorder and peer support.

**TOTAL HOURS:**

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