

Hartford HealthCare   
Behavioral Health Network

**Recovery Leadership Academy**  
**Recovery Support Specialist Training and Certification**

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The Hartford HealthCare Behavioral Health Network Recovery Leadership Academy offers an 80-hour certification program for persons in recovery from a psychiatric and/or substance use history, including family members that have their own personal history. After successfully completing the training and state exam, students will receive their certification as a Recovery Support Specialist. This certification qualifies graduates to work as Recovery Support Specialists in behavioral health systems across the state of Connecticut.

Please complete the entire application before submitting it as only complete applications will be considered for acceptance into the class. Training and certification for the program costs \$300. Financial aid is available for students, and scholarships can be discussed on an individual basis. RLA does **not** accept payment prior to acceptance to the class, but will accept payment at the end of the first class session.

Applications should be emailed to [Karen.Kangas@hhchealth.org](mailto:Karen.Kangas@hhchealth.org) or [Joseph.Voelker@hhchealth.org](mailto:Joseph.Voelker@hhchealth.org) with the subject line "RSS Training Application." RLA will conduct in-person interviews with a select few applicants during the admission process. For those selected for the interview, be prepared to respond in a timely manner to confirm your interview day and time. If instructions are not followed correctly the application will not be considered. Please type your name here to certify that you have read the instructions above.

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

For questions, email [Karen.Kangas@hhchealth.org](mailto:Karen.Kangas@hhchealth.org) or [Joseph.Voelker@hhchealth.org](mailto:Joseph.Voelker@hhchealth.org) with the subject line "RSS Question."

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In 300 words or more, please write an essay on why you want to use your direct experience in recovery to offer peer support in the mental health/addiction field?

  
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<b>Applicant Information</b>		
Name (Last, First, M.I.)	Date:	
Street Address:	Apt./Unit:	
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	E-mail Address:
Best Time to Call:	Can We Leave a Message? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Are You at Least 18? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Are you willing to share your experiences of addiction/recovery to assist your clients in their recovery as your role as a Recovery Support Specialist? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		

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<b>Paid or Volunteer Work Experience</b>	
Company:	Phone:
Address:	City, State, Zip:
Job Title:	Start Date/End Date:
Responsibilities:	
Relevant Skills:	

<b>Education:</b>
Do you have a high school diploma or GED equivalent? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Do you have a college or other degree? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Please include university or college name and area of concentration.
Have you ever taken any college or university courses or other courses? If yes, please list any relevant courses.

## Recovery Support Specialist Training Voluntary Demographic Information

In an effort to ensure that our class is as diverse as possible, we are interested in the following information, but please be aware that this portion of the application is voluntary:

### Sexual Orientation:

- Heterosexual     Lesbian     Gay     Bisexual  
 Queer/Questioning     Asexual     Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Gender Expression:

- Male     Female     Transgender Female     Transgender Male     Intersex  
 Queer/Questioning     Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Race/Ethnic Data:** Select all that apply.

- Latino/a/x  
 Non-Latino/a/x  
 Black  
 Asian or Pacific Islander  
 Native American or Alaskan Native  
 White  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Military Service:

Are you a veteran?

- Yes     No

### Age Group:

- 18-25     26-39     40-55     56-65     66+