

RAMS Peer Specialist Mental Health Certificate Advanced Course

Interactive Classes

Classes are conducted by experts working and teaching in the behavioral health field, as well as peer providers who have years of experience serving the San Francisco community. Students will have regular opportunities to practice the skills and techniques learned in class through interactive exercises with classmates and consultation with instructors.



Specialized Training

Students will be trained in topics relevant to the peer counseling field, such as: Core Interpersonal Counseling Skills, Wellness & Recovery Principles, Providing Trauma-Informed Care, Boundaries and Ethics, De-Escalation Techniques, Peer Supervision and Mentoring, Documentation, and more!

In June 2017, Richmond Area Multi-Services Inc. (RAMS), will offer its **8-week Peer Specialist Mental Health Certificate Advanced Course**, targeted to individuals and family members of individuals who live in San Francisco and have accessed behavioral health services.

The Advanced Course is designed to support and educate participants working as peer providers, advocates and volunteers in the community--and those with equivalent education in the field--who would like to obtain specialized training and professional development in a collaborative learning environment. Through the class, students will expand their knowledge, build confidence and develop their skills in providing quality, client-centered peer counseling and support services in the community.

Summer 2017 Course Details

The Advanced Course Summer 2017 Cohort will take place from **June 15th to August 8th, 2017**.

Classes will be held Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3PM-6PM at SF State Downtown Campus (835 Market St). The course is **free** of cost to students and a **stipend** is provided upon successful course completion.

KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

Application Release Date: April 19, 2017

Informational Open Houses: May 2, 2017, 3-5PM @ 835 Market St & May 12, 2017, 10AM-12PM @ 1282 Market St

Application Due Date: May 26 @ 5PM

First Day of Instruction: June 15, 2017

Application & Minimum Qualifications

- At least 18 years of age and a San Francisco resident
- Have completed a High School education or GED
- Be able to commit to attending classes for 8 weeks
- Individuals with work experience, training or education in peer counseling **highly** encouraged to apply
- Designed for individuals with lived experience and family members who have accessed behavioral health services