

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 by 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 & Ethics, Harm Reduction, De-Escalation Techniques, Peer Supervision, Documentation, & more!

In January 2018 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 received behavioral health services.

The Advanced Course is designed to support and educate participants working as peer providers, advocates, and volunteers in the community--as well as those with relevant 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 skills in providing quality person-centered peer counseling support services and advocacy in the community.

Winter 2018 Course Details

The Advanced Course Winter 2018 Cohort will take place from **January 16th to March 8th, 2018.**

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: November 15, 2017
Informational Open Houses: November 29, 2017, 10AM-12PM & December 4, 2017, 3-5PM @ 835 Market St
Application Due Date: December 20 @ 5PM
First Day of Instruction: January 16, 2018

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
- Individuals who have received behavioral health services, and their family members