

**Chapter 182-116 WAC  
CERTIFIED PEER SPECIALIST**

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182-116-0100 Certified peer specialist and certified peer specialist trainee—General.  
182-116-0200 Peer specialist—Application, training, examination, and authority approval.

***(Effective until July 1, 2025)***

**WAC 182-116-0100 Certified peer specialist—General.** (1) A peer specialist certified by the department of health who provides medic-aid-reimbursable peer support services must meet the requirements in WAC 182-116-0200.

(2) Certified peer specialists who provide services to people enrolled in medicaid must practice:

(a) Under the clinical supervision of a behavioral health provider as defined in RCW 71.24.025 or a certified peer specialist supervisor as defined in RCW 18.420.010; and

(b) In a community behavioral health agency licensed, certified, or subject to an approved tribal attestation by the department of health.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160, and 71.24.920. WSR 25-01-118, s 182-116-0100, filed 12/16/24, effective 1/16/25.]

***(Effective July 1, 2025)***

**WAC 182-116-0100 Certified peer specialist and certified peer specialist trainee—General.** (1) A certified peer specialist or certified peer specialist trainee credentialed by the department of health who provides medicaid-reimbursable peer support services must meet the requirements in WAC 182-116-0200.

(2) Certified peer specialists or certified peer specialist trainees who provide services to people enrolled in medicaid must practice:

(a) Under the clinical supervision of a behavioral health provider as defined in RCW 71.24.025 or a certified peer specialist supervisor as defined in RCW 18.420.010; and

(b) In a community behavioral health agency licensed, certified, or subject to an approved tribal attestation by the department of health.

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**WAC 182-116-0200 Peer specialist—Application, training, examination, and authority approval.** (1) People applying with the authority to train and test to qualify as a peer specialist certified under the department of health must meet all of the following:

(a) Be age 18 or older;

(b) Attest on the authority's application that they self-identify as:

(i) A person with one or more years of recovery from a mental health condition, substance use disorder, or both; or

(ii) The parent or legal guardian of a child age 17 or younger who is receiving or has received behavioral health services.

(c) Pass the authority's educational courses and pass the required examination with a total score of 80 percent or higher.

(2) After a person passes the authority's examination, the authority issues a letter stating that the person meets the educational qualifications to become a certified peer specialist through the department.

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***(Effective July 1, 2025)***

**WAC 182-116-0200 Peer specialist—Application, training, examination, and authority approval.** (1) People applying with the authority for peer specialist training must:

(a) Be age 18 or older; and

(b) Attest on the authority's application that they self-identify as:

(i) A person with one or more years of recovery from behavioral health experiences/challenges; or

(ii) The parent or legal guardian of a person who has applied for, is eligible for, or has received behavioral health services.

(2) After a person meets the training requirements and passes the authority's examination, the authority issues a letter stating the person has met the training requirements needed to apply for the credential of certified peer specialist or certified peer specialist trainee through the department.

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