

Maine's Certified Intentional Peer Support Program

CERTIFICATION CHART

Certified Intentional Peer Support Specialist (CIPSS) Timeline for Earning and Maintaining Certification

Participants should begin their fieldwork IMMEDIATELY following completion of the Core training at the start of the next quarter (even if you have classes to make up).

1st Quarter: January – March 2nd Quarter: April – June 3rd Quarter: July – September 4th Quarter: October – December

Peer Support 101 or Healthy Connections	Application	Web Training	Core Training	CIPS Course Content Exam	Co-Reflection (fieldwork)	Continuing Education (fieldwork)	CIPS Skills Certification Exam	Maintain Or Regain Certification
Pre-requisite to Application ~~~~~ Healthy Connections attendance MUST include the day where Certification process is explained	If not accepted, offered ways to increase knowledge, such as Healthy Connections, tutoring and other opportunities ~~~~~ Can re-apply at any time.	Completed after accepted to the training program.	Miss no more than 5 hours ~~~~~ Two full classes can be missed and made up ~~~~~ Classes missed must be made up in the next round of training ~~~~~ If classes are not made up, the entire training must be repeated	This multiple choice test is given on the last day of class. ~~~~~ Congrats! A certificate of Provisional Certification will be e-mailed to you after passing this test.	Must attend 1 per quarter after Core training ~~~~~ If you miss one, make it up in the first month of the following quarter ~~~~~ If you miss two, you have now missed 6 months and must take a written and oral exam to re-enter the program	2 per year taken after Core training ~~~~~ Healthy Connections can replace 1 Continuing Education requirement (cannot miss more than 3-hours) ~~~~~ Cannot be same topic within the same year	Oral exam administered the last quarter of your first year. Students will demonstrate proficiency in IPS skills ~~~~~ If unable to pass this exam recommendations may be made for further study or tutoring/mentor to help participants improve their skills and re-take the exam within six months.	After a year of fieldwork, and successful completion of the skills exam, you are fully Certified! If you become six months or more behind in your fieldwork, you will need to take a written and oral exam; if you fall behind again, you will be asked about your readiness to follow through with the program before continuing

Additional Notes:

- Co-Reflection begins after completing Core training – even if you need to make up a class or two.
- CIPS Program policies will follow current guidelines as established by IPSAC in the Policy Guide