



**NEW MEXICO CREDENTIALING BOARD FOR
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Certified Peer Support Worker (CPSW)

Certificate Expires: January 31, 2012

This is notification that your CPSW certificate is up for renewal/re-certification soon. The re-certification application and documentation will be due on **January 1, 2012**. Failure to submit re-certification by deadline will result in the expiration of your certification. Once your certification has expired, you will need to re-apply with the Office of Consumer Affairs (OCA), to fulfill training and any other requirements, including taking the examination and payment of fees to become certified as a CPSW.

The re-certification process includes submitting documentation of forty (40) hours of continued education/training related to Peer Support Services; which includes six (6) hours of either counseling, professional or legal ethics; six (6) hours of Cultural Competency (hours must have been accumulated during your certification period); a letter of endorsement from your current supervisor; original certificate; and re-certification fee. All documents must be sent with re-certification application and fee made payable to NMCBBHP and mailed to the board at least sixty (60) days prior to the expiration date. Faxed applications for renewal are not accepted.

The continuing education certificates and/or transcripts must include the name of training/course; organization/instructor's name; date of training; number of CE hours provided. The following courses for the forty (40) CE's will be accepted for re-certification:

- (REQUIRED) Cultural Competency (6 hours)
- (REQUIRED) Ethics in either Counseling, or Professional or Legal and Ethical (6 hours)
 - OCA will be offering an Ethics course the in Fall, look for information on www.bhc.state.nm.us
- Seeking Safety
- Motivational Interviewing
- Mental Health First Aid held previous to Sept 2011 (LifeLink Training Institute)
 - (Only 20 CE hours will be accepted)
- Case Management (UNM Continuing Education) www.dce.unm.edu Human Services Careers
- Prevention Generalist & Drugs of Abuse Training (www.nmpreventionworkforce.org)
- Any courses/trainings on Trauma Informed Care
- Other courses related to Comprehensive Consumer Support Services or Peer Support Services

Any other courses/training not part of this above list will need to be submitted with additional documentation; e.g. course description, agenda and/or letter from training organizer as to content of the course or training. We will not accept certificates of attendance with no CE hours provided or without a signature.

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It is best to send in your re-certification packet for review before your certificate expires and you will be notified after the review of any missing documentation. Any unanticipated circumstances related to the re-certification process must be made in writing to the board with your re-certification packet, e.g. not enough hours accumulated, unsure of appropriate training documentation.

Here is some future Training Opportunities:

- October 26 through 30 – Alternatives Conference-Anaheim CA
www.power2u.org/alternatives2010
- February 2012, CPSW Retreat- Date/Location to Be Determined

Check on the www.bhc.state.nm.us or www.nmcbbhp.org web sites for more information on these trainings.

A re-certification form is enclosed. We hope this information assists you with the re-certification process.

If there are any additional questions, it is **best** to contact us by email nmcbbhp@netscape.net. You can call 505-319-8507; however, we may not respond immediately, but we will do so within 5 days of your call, so please a detailed message and your contact information.

Respectfully

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