



PEER EMPLOYMENT TRAINING

Information Packet and Application



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So, you are interested in learning more about Peer Employment Training at CHEEERS?

Here is what you need to know and some of our frequently asked questions ...

CHEEERS offers Arizona State approved Peer Employment Training to individuals with lived experience (having lived experience living with / having received services to treat a mental health and or substance use disorders) who meet the state and CHEEERS specific requirement.

FAQ:

1. What are the requirements to receive Peer Employment Training at CHEEERS?

Answer: All individuals interested in the Peer Employment Training at CHEEERS must

- A. Complete an application for the program and be approved by CHEEERS .*
- B. Complete an Intake to CHEEERS services if you are on AHCCCS or with the RBHA (** see Note below about what is needed)*

2. If I am an enrolled member in an AHCCCS ACC health Plan or RBHA, is there a cost?

Answer: No, if approved for the training program offered at CHEEERS and Peer employment training is listed or included in your service plan there is no cost of you for the training . Please see note below about what is needed from your provider, or clinic to complete an intake and to have your services covered.

3. If I do not have AHCCCS or am not enrolled with the RBHA, can I complete the training at CHEEERS?

Answer: Yes, but there is a cost. The process remains the same other than you don't need to complete an intake. CHEEERS will meet with you to determine if we have a training program that will meet your needs that may have additional funding sources or determine how the costs associated with the course will be covered. The typical cost of the training which includes material, 60 hours of classroom time, one to one meeting with Coordinator, and the competency exam is approximately \$1600.00. A small investment for a program along with a passing score on the competency exam will allow you to receive your credentials .

4. What if I complete the application for the Peer Employment Training and I am not approved?

Answer: CHEEERS recognizes that Peer Employment Training may not be right for everyone given individual circumstances and intent to work or provide peer support services. CHEEERS offers Peer Support Certification training as



employment training , therefore employment must be part of your long-term plan. If employment is not in your plan, we have other programming services for you to attend.

5. **How many times can I take Peer Employment Training?** Answer: CHEEERS allows individuals who do not pass the competency exam the first time to take a second exam within a 2-week period and with further studying. If you do not receive a passing score on the 2nd Exam, the trainer will meet with you to make recommendations. We may suggest that the training be taken again or that you complete a portion of the training course again. If the competency exam is not passed with a score of 80% or more the third time the individual will not be credentialed as Peer Recovery Support Specialist .
6. **I want to learn more and be considered for CHEEERS Employment Program, what do I need to do now?**
1. Complete the application for Peer Employment Training .
 2. If you are receiving Services with a provider, clinic, or agency. Ask your case manager or care coordinator to refer you to services at CHEEERS, using the standard referral packet or: Please inform your provider/ agency clinic of your desire to look into these services and have them call us at 602-246-7607 asking for Intake / Referrals.

If you are not receiving services with a clinic, agency or provider.

Please fill out the attached application and send to us at CHEEERSREFERRALS.org or call us at 602-246-7607 asking for Jennifer or Kate . We will be happy to answer your questions.

*****Note Regarding Required Intake and Referral Packets:***

The Referral packet from your provider, in addition to Application for Peer Employment Training must be filled out by the interested person and must be sent to us to complete an intake. The individual must intend to seek employment or deliver peer support services to qualify .

Remember submitted and application does not mean you are approved for the course, taking all the classes does not mean you are credentialed to provide Peer support services. You must receive a passing score of 80 or more on the competency exam and receive a certificate from CHEEERS. All completions of the program with successful passing of the exam are reported to the State of Arizona.



Class Schedule for 2021 / 2022

October 11th - 22nd 2021

December 6th - 17th , 2021

February 14th- 25th , 2022

May 16th- 27th , 2022

July 18th- 29th , 2022

Classes are Monday through Friday 9:30 – 3:30pm, for two weeks. Total of 10 classes. You must attend all classes to complete the course and be eligible to take the exam on the final day.