REQUIREMENTS

A Wisconsin certified parent peer specialist practices within their area of competence and attains appropriate continuing education to maintain proficiency and remain current with emerging knowledge of relevant to their work.

Twenty hours of continuing education hours (CEH) are required every two years. A minimum of three hours is required in each of the following categories:

Cultural humility

Cultural humility is the ability to strive to set aside individual cultural expectations and honor the fact that there are innumerable cultures and micro-cultures. It is a commitment to self-evaluation of individuals beliefs, the understanding that people are experts in their own culture, and to being open to the idea that learning people's individual cultures is a continuous process. This may also be known as, "cultural competence," "cultural responsiveness," or "cultural awareness."

Ethics and boundaries

Ethics and boundaries is the ability to understand and maintain confidentiality and appropriate boundaries and to recognize when to seek guidance or consultation. This includes training on the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and ethical decision-making models.

Parent peer specialist specific

Parent peer specialist specific training builds skills specific to the population served. Examples include motivational interviewing, peer support, individualized education program (IEP) development, systems of care, serious emotional disturbance, or substance use disorder.

Child/adolescent development or parenting

Child/adolescent development or parenting builds awareness and skills that may assist families as they engage with peer support services. Skills can be gained from an understanding of the physical, social, psychological, and cognitive development of young people and successful parenting strategies involved with each state.