

Where to Find More Information

For Information on CRSS Requirements,
Application, and Maintenance, please
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— *DHS/DMH Vision Statement*

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DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH

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EMPLOYING

**PERSONS WITH THE
CERTIFIED RECOVERY**

SUPPORT SPECIALIST

(CRSS) CREDENTIAL

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A NEW VISION FOR A NEW DAY

As long as there have been mental illnesses, there has been recovery. Nonetheless, this is a brand new day for everyone who cares about their mental well-being and that of others. One of the most exciting developments in mental health care in Illinois has been the emergence of the Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS) credential.

Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS)

Professionals with the CRSS credential are employed specifically to use their personal recovery experiences to facilitate and support the recoveries of others and to help shape the mental health system.

Persons with their CRSS infuse the mental health system with hope and empowerment, and improve opportunities for others to:

- Develop hope for recovery.
- Increase problem solving skills.
- Develop natural support networks.
- Participate fully in life in the community.

EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE

Individuals with the CRSS provide organizations with experience and expertise in the following areas:

- Professional Responsibility
- Recovery Support
- Mentoring
- Advocacy

They build on this foundation of expertise through continuing education units (CEUs) and ongoing professional experience.

QUALIFICATIONS

Individuals with a CRSS credential have a minimum of :

- 100 hours of relevant education
- 2,000 hours of supervised work experience in the mental health field
- Verified personal and professional references
- Successful completion of the CRSS examination



VISIONARY SERVICE

Science has shown that having hope plays an integral role in an individual's recovery. Individuals with the CRSS credential personify the recovery vision and bring a greater sense of hope to their colleagues and the persons they serve.

INCREASED REIMBURSEMENT

Under Rule 132, a person with the CRSS credential who is in good standing with the Illinois Certification Board (doing business as IAODAPCA) may bill at the Mental Health Professional (MHP) level. Such billing may occur for any Rule 132 services which are authorized to be provided by an MHP, including Community Support, Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR), Vocational Services, Outreach and Engagement, and others.

EXCEPTIONAL ENGAGEMENT SKILLS

Individuals with the CRSS credential, through their experience navigating the mental health system, encourage participation, empower support and reinforce person-centered treatment.

ENRICHING INCLUSION

Hiring persons in recovery increases employee retention, improves morale and leads to innovation.