



Illinois Certification Board, Inc. d/b/a Illinois Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse Professional Certification Association Inc.

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ICB & ICRC ANNOUNCE A NEW OPPORTUNITY BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2023

The Illinois Certification Board (ICB), in conjunction with the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (ICRC), is excited to announce a new opportunity. Beginning **March 1, 2023**, individuals who hold the National Certified Recovery Specialist (NCRS) credential, will have the opportunity to apply for the granting of equivalency for the Certified Peer Recovery Specialist (CPRS) credential.

As the field of authentic peer support and assistance continues to expand, the ICB believes in a fundamental need for CPRS professionals to assist consumers, agencies, and professionals in making proper decisions concerning the correlating of CPRS professional competencies with existing consumer needs.

The CPRS credential is an ICRC reciprocal credential. Please note that some current NCRS holders took the CPRS exam when the credential was formally administered by the ICB and the ICB will be able to verify this for some members (but not all).

Beginning March 1, 2023, those individuals holding an active NCRS credential that meet the following criteria may apply for equivalency through the ICB:

To obtain equivalency, an individual credential holder must show the following:

- Proof of having passed the CPRS (ICRC PR) exam;
- Completion of forty (40) peer recovery support-specific continuing education units (CEUs); and,
- Documentation of six (6) months of paid, qualified work experience and,
- The applicant must have a high school diploma or a GED.

To apply for this program, applicants must meet the above criteria, pay a \$65 application fee, an initial certification fee of \$60, and thereafter a like amount annually. The application will be available on ICB's website beginning March 1, 2023.

This offering period will end on **August 29, 2023**, and it is important to note that after this date, no applications may be accepted for the granting of the equivalency process. Applications must be postmarked on or before August 29, 2023.

For further information, please contact Dianne Williams at dianne@iaodapca.org.

The ICB is a private, non-profit organization that promotes standards for professionals in the addiction(s) field and encourages the highest ethical standards for all practitioners. Accordingly, the ICB Board has established a Code of Ethics for its professionals in Illinois which can be viewed on the ICB website www.iaodapca.org.

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