

DCB news

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Reminder: DCB Launches New Certified Recovery Coach Credential

Earlier this year, DCB launched their new certification for Recovery Coaches. The role of the Certified Recovery Coach (CRC) reflects a collaborative and strengths-based approach, with the primary goal being to assist individuals in achieving sustained recovery from addiction and/or mental health issues. CRCs will not be clinicians; they will serve in a supportive role within the community and/or within a treatment setting. Services provided by the CRC become a permanent critical component of the continuum of care services that will substantially improve an individual's ability to sustain recovery/wellness.

The primary function of the CRC is to help individuals gain access to needed resources in the community by assisting them in overcoming barriers and helping them bridge gaps between their needs and available resources. This means the CRC will serve as case managers, helping individuals connect with needed services, including addiction and mental health treatment services, and assisting them in acquiring resources that will facilitate their recovery (e.g., acquiring childcare services, stable housing, and employment support). Each CRC will serve individuals in the recovery process by supporting them in accessing community-based resources, implementing recovery/wellness plans, navigating state and local systems (including addiction and mental health treatment systems) and providing recovery support services. The CRC will coach service recipients to help them develop a strong foundation in recovery (e.g. establishing support systems, self-care, independence/self-sufficiency, healthy coping skills and other skills) that support long-term recovery.

For more information on this new credential or for an application, please visit the [DCB website](#).

DCB Re-test Policy Change

Effective July 1, 2013, DCB's policy on re-taking examinations is as follows: Candidates who must re-take their examination will have a mandatory 60-day waiting period before they are able to re-test. Additionally, candidates will have three (3) opportunities to re-take an examination beyond their original first failed examination. If a candidate re-tests their allotted three times and fails on their third and final opportunity, the candidate must submit a plan of study to DCB and wait a mandatory one-year from the date of the final failed examination before they will be permitted to re-test again. The goal of this revised re-test policy is for the candidate to take time to better prepare (by obtaining additional education/training and/or supervision) before further re-testing can occur.

Prevention Specialist Credential Updated

IC&RC is proud to announce the finalization of its new Prevention Specialist Job Analysis (JA).

A JA is the methodical process of determining what elements of practice and knowledge are important to assess as part of a certification examination and serves as the blueprint for the examination. It is the process that directly links an examination score to a specific job and ensures that an exam is valid, reliable, and legally defensible. To stay relevant to current trends and practices, a JA must be updated every five to seven years.

The updated content outline describing the domains and task statements can be found on the [IC&RC website](#).

The first Prevention Specialist examination reflecting the updated content will be administered starting December 13, 2013.



Want To Know More About The Certification Process?

DCB will present a free workshop on the certification process at your facility/agency for your staff upon request. This 1 ½ hour workshop will focus on the requirements for all levels of certification, recertification, and the examinations.

DCB approved education hours will be given to each participant for use toward initial certification or recertification. You will hear first-hand of any changes to the process, new credentials offered, and have an opportunity to ask questions.

To arrange for a free workshop at your facility/agency for 10 or more individuals, please call the DCB Office at 717-540-4456.

Job Postings Available on DCB's Website

If you are an employer looking to fill a job opening or a certified professional searching for a new opportunity, DCB will list your employment opportunity on our website free of charge.

To have your job opening posted on our website, e-mail the announcement to info@delawarecertificationboard.org.

Let's Stay In Touch

Stay in touch with DCB via email so you are the first, rather than the last, to receive notices about upcoming certification initiatives. Make sure we have your email address as most of our communication to you is done electronically.

Contact DCB at info@delawarecertificationboard.org and provide us with your preferred email address.