

LaGuardia Community College Mental Health Peer Specialist Training Program

LaGuardia's *Mental Health Peer Specialist Training Program* is an eight-month workforce training program that prepares participants to work in the peer support sector. Participants will learn the fundamentals of peer support, receive support earning their NYS peer specialist certification, develop key digital skills, participate in internships with employer partners, and receive job placement assistance.

Employer partners include Institute for Community Living, Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services, Goodwill Industries, and the Jewish Board for Family and Children's Services.

LaGuardia's workforce team is actively recruiting participants for its first cohort beginning in February 2022 (Cohort 2 begins in June 2022). LaGuardia sees its program as a bridge to employment for those in active recovery from mental health challenges and/or trauma. LaGuardia's program may be especially beneficial to individuals who have been sidelined from the workforce due to mental health challenges and/or trauma and students currently enrolled in relevant degree programs who are looking to increase their earnings potential.

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Dates

Training: February 1 – April 30, 2022

Internship: Approx. May – July

Job Placement Assistance: August – September

Time

Training: M-TH 10am-2pm, F 10am-12pm

Place

Hybrid (in-person classes at LaGuardia)

Eligibility:

- Interest in working as a mental health peer support worker
- 18+ years old with "lived experience" with mental health challenges and recovery
- Available full-time, Monday- Friday, for 8 months
- Able to attend classes both online and in-person
- Legally eligible to work in the U.S.
- Able to show proof of full COVID vaccination
- Valid (not expired) NY State ID or DL
- High school diploma or equivalent
- Reliable WiFi service
- Ready and willing to work upon course and internship completion



For more information and/or to begin the application process, please contact

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