

Principles of Peer Support Application for Enrollment – Fall Term 2010

- Would you like to work in the mental health field offering support to your peers in recovery?
- Are you already working as a Peer Support Specialist and do you want to increase your knowledge about recovery oriented practices?
- Would you like to earn three college credits from Kalamazoo Valley Community College in Recovery?

If you answered to “yes” to any of these questions, please consider enrolling in the Principles of Peer Support, a college course at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. The first day of class is November 1, 2010, so please complete the attached application and mail or fax it to the Recovery Institute as soon as possible. The course will be filled on a first come basis. **The final deadline for application is September 15, 2010.**

Please mail or fax all applications to:

Recovery Institute of Southwest Michigan, Inc.
326 West Kalamazoo Ave, Suite 312
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(269) 343-6725 (phone)
(269) 343-6727 (fax)

More information about the course can be found online at www.recoverymi.org

The Recovery Institute of Michigan, Inc.



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Application Instructions: Since this is a pilot project with KVCC, all applications must be mailed or faxed to the Recovery Institute *instead of* KVCC. If you are selected for the course, we will assist you in registering with KVCC and all your credits will be offered through KVCC. For further information, contact Sean Harris at the Recovery Institute, 326 West Kalamazoo Ave, Suite 312, Kalamazoo, MI 49007, by phone at 269.343.6725 or by email at sharris@recoverymi.org. This entire process is explained on the back page of this application.

All students accepted into the course will be required to attend a two-day Wellness Recovery Action Planning (WRAP) workshop that will be scheduled in October and a one-day follow up workshop in January 2011. The course then runs from November 1 – December 20, 2010.

Date: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please check one of the following options:

I have a GED I have a high school diploma I do not have a GED or high school diploma

Have you taken college courses before, and if so where and when:

Are you currently working and if so where? _____

Have you met with a Michigan Rehabilitative Services (MRS) Counselor in the past six months and if so, who is your counselor? _____

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Please describe what “peer support” means to you:

Please describe what “recovery” means to you:

Please describe the ways you have been active in your community in the past six months

Why would you like to take this course:

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Is there anything we forgot to ask that you think is important?

Signature of Applicant

Date

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Guide to the Enrollment Process

Completing this application is the first step toward gaining acceptance into the Principles of Peer Support course. There is a limit of 24 people who can enroll in the course this semester, however, it will be offered again in the Winter of 2011. In order for us to make the best decision about who to enroll in the course this semester we ask that every student complete all the steps in one of two options described below:

OPTION ONE: (option two is on next page)

This option is the best choice for people who are:

- Unemployed or underemployed and seeking work as a Peer Support Specialist
- AND interested in the possibility of receiving some funding for tuition and books from Michigan Rehabilitative Services (MRS) or Michigan Commission for the Blind (the steps below relate to MRS, but Michigan Commission for the Blind follows a similar process, please contact them at (269) 337-3848 to find the steps you should follow).

Steps:

1. Submit completed Application for Enrollment to the Recovery Institute
2. Attend MRS orientation on Tuesdays. Kalamazoo's Main MRS Office is located at 4210 South Westnedge, Kalamazoo, MI 49008 (phone) 269- 337-3700
3. After orientation, schedule an appointment to determine your eligibility for financial assistance for education toward employment.
4. During your appointment, MRS staff will have you take an assessment of your current academic ability and your career interests. You must inform them of your interest in attending this class and they will forward your results to the Recovery Institute

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OPTION TWO:

This option is for people who are not interested in funding from MRS

Steps:

1. Submit completed Application for Enrollment to the Recovery Institute
2. Make an appointment to visit Recovery Institute and complete KVCC application
3. Register to take the Compass Test at either Kalamazoo Valley Community College campus:

Texas Township Campus
6767 W O Ave
Kalamazoo, MI 49009-9606
(269) 488-4400

Arcadia Commons Campus
202 North Rose Street,
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(269) 373-7800

4. Turn your Compass Scores in to the Recovery Institute

With either option, Recovery Institute staff will contact you immediately after receiving your application to offer assistance with this process and to remind you of these deadlines. Do not wait to complete these steps before turning in this application.

Thanks and best wishes,

Sean

Sean Harris
Executive Director
Recovery Institute