

Peer Support Specialist, Adult Addictions, Application Fall 2025

Course Overview:

This is a 40-hour, 5-week course approved by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). The Peer Support Specialist, Adult Addictions program will prepare participants to deliver services in behavioral health settings to promote recovery and resiliency. It will prepare students for work as an entry-level Peer Support Specialist. It addresses all competencies required for approval as a Peer Support Specialist training program in Oregon. The course will be offered as a hybrid model combining face to face instruction with synchronous and asynchronous online instruction. As required by the Oregon Health Authority students will also complete an Oral Health Training ([OAR 410-180-0365 Oral Health Training Requirements](#)) that will be embedded into the course.

A peer support specialist for adult addictions shall be: (a) A self-identified individual currently or formerly receiving addictions; (b) A self-identified individual in recovery from an addiction disorder who meets the abstinence requirements for recovering staff in alcohol or other drug treatment programs.

- Adult Addictions: A person in addiction recovery who provides support services to people seeking recovery from addiction.

Successful completion qualifies individuals to apply for certification through the Oregon Health Authority to become a Peer Support Specialist. Completion of the course is one of the requirements to become a Peer Support Specialist, the following additional requirements have been put into place by the Oregon Health Authority. All of which must be completed to become certified.

[Oregon Health Authority requirements for certification:](#)

- Completion of an OHA approved PSS course
- Must be at least 18 years old
- Must complete a criminal background check ([OAR 410-180-0326 Background Check Requirements](#))
- Must have a Government Issued Id (state ID, driver's license, or passport)
- Certification renewal; every 3 years must complete 20 hours of continuing education. ([OAR 410-180-0320 Traditional Health Worker Continuing Education Requirements](#))

This is a limited enrollment course, students are accepted on a first come, first serve basis and must meet all application requirements. We will be accepting 15 students per cohort.

Course Cost:

Total Program Cost: \$450 (approximate)

- Program cost \$400
- Participants will be responsible for a \$50 fee associated with the criminal background check. [\(OAR 410-180-0326 Background Check Requirements\)](#) * *The price of the background check may vary.*
- Note: Course tuition or fees are not refundable beyond the first week of class. Additional course fees may be applicable and are non-refundable
- Account balances must be paid within 10 business days or have a payment plan set up with Business Services to avoid late fees or removal from the program.
- *Possible assistance available for students accepted into the program click [HERE](#) or visit <https://www.chemeketa.edu/students/student-services/student-resources/snap-recipient-funding/> and*

Course Schedule:

This is a 5-week, 40-hour program. Classes will meet on Saturdays from 8PM- 5PM (with a 1-hour lunch) at the Chemeketa Community College Salem Campus. The class Schedule dates are as follows:

1st class: November 1, 2025

2nd class: November 8, 2025

3rd class: November 15, 2025

4th class: November 22, 2025

5th class: November 29, 2025

Students must attend all classes to complete the program.

Getting Started:

1. Register for a noncredit class following these instructions to obtain a k-number (Chemeketa ID number) and Chemeketa email by following these steps:
 - a. Go to "Chemeketa.edu"
 - b. On top menu bar click "Admissions" and scroll to "How to Enroll" and click
 - c. Scroll down to "Non-Credit Personal Enrichment" heading and click on "Personal Enrichment/Fun"
 - c. Complete the form

2. Return application packet in person to Building 7, Room 103. Or email applications to healthwellness@chemeketa.edu by October 9, 2025 at 5pm. Application packet must include The Peer Support Specialist, Adult Addictions Checklist (pg. 4) and the Peer Support Specialist, Adult Addictions Form (pg.5)

Selection Process:

The first applicants for each session who meet all the requirements and who have submitted all requested documents will be considered.

Criminal Background Check:

Instructions on how to complete a background check will be provided with an applicant's acceptance notification. Applicants who are on a waiting list will only receive this information upon acceptance from the waiting list.

Background Check

Background checks will be ordered once the acceptance form is turned in. Once you receive the email regarding background checks from Advanced Reporting you will have 7 days to complete the background check from that date. Failure to complete the background check or a background check revealing a disqualifying criminal history will mean you are ineligible to participate in the PSS course.

Questions about disqualifying crimes please see both links:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BXbdJsUJHceKJhz5JqimL5-82hqqxuy/view?usp=sharing>

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1W5nAOyF2SPLBYS_CKRSM7qxU3Stphvg2/view?usp=drive_link

Affirmative Action:

Chemeketa Community College prohibits unlawful discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, disability, protected veteran status, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, pregnancy, whistleblowing, genetic information, domestic abuse victim, or any other status protected by federal, state, or local law in any area, activity, or operation of the College. The College also prohibits retaliation against an individual for engaging in activity protected under this policy, and interfering with rights or privileges granted under federal, state, or local laws.

Under College policies, equal opportunity for employment, admission, and participation in the College's programs, services, and activities will be extended to all persons, and the College will promote equal opportunity and treatment through application of its policies and other College efforts designed for that purpose.

Persons having questions or concerns about Title IX, which includes gender-based discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual violence, interpersonal violence, and stalking, contact the Title IX coordinator at 503-584- 7323, 4000 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem, OR 97305, or <http://go.chemeketa.edu/titleix>. Individuals may also contact the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), 810 3rd Avenue #750, Seattle, WA 98104, 206.607.1600.

Equal Employment Opportunity or Affirmative Action should contact the Affirmative Action Officer at 503.399.2537, 4000 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem OR 97305.

To request this publication in an alternative format, please call 503.399.5192.

Application Checklist:

Student Name _____ Student K# _____

_____ Application Checklist (this page)

_____ Completed application form (signed and dated)

_____ I understand that I must attend all lecture sessions to meet the required hours requirement

_____ I understand that I will be required to undergo a background check (to enter the program and as required by OHA for certification)

_____ I have received and reviewed the Oregon Department of Health require disqualifying crimes sheets <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BXbdJsUJHceKJhz5JqimL5-82hqqxuy/view?usp=sharing>
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1W5nAOyF2SPLBYS_CKRS7qXU3Stphvg2/view?usp=drive_link

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Chemeketa Student ID (K#)	K								
First Name (Legal):									
Last Name (Legal):									
Chemeketa Email:									
Telephone Number (include area code):									
Mailing Address:									
City:			State:				Zip:		

By signing, I certify that all statements on this application are complete and true

Signature: Date:

Submit your complete application one of the following ways:

- Drop off in person Chemeketa SALEM Campus Building 7, Room 103 by October 9, 2025 at 5pm
- Email completed application to healthwelfare@chemeketa.edu by October 9, 2025 at 5pm
- Applications will be accepted August 7th at 8 am until October 9th at 5 pm. Applications submitted before or after the application window will not be accepted.