

PEER SPECIALIST MENTAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

12 WEEK BASIC PEER COUNSELING COURSE



Supportive Learning

Classes are designed to utilize each student's unique experience to further enhance the course topics discussed in class. Students have the opportunity to enrich their knowledge through an 8-hour job shadowing experience at an assigned behavioral health agency in San Francisco.

A student advisor is on-hand to provide the necessary support services for the duration of the term as well as assist in career planning upon completion of the course.

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Richmond Area Multi-Services Inc. (RAMS), in partnership with San Francisco State University (SFSU), is offering a 12-week basic peer counseling program to *mental health consumers and family members* with the aim of reaching the underserved and underrepresented San Francisco communities.

The goal is to equip students with the knowledge & skills for entry level, peer specialist/counseling roles in the community behavioral health system or to further their career in the field.

FEATURING
Interactive Classes, Job
Shadowing, and Career
Planning Assistance

Expert Lecturers

Classes are conducted by field experts who will discuss a range of topics based on the wellness and recovery model.

Career Planning Assistance

Assistance is available for developing cover letters & resumes and interviewing skills. Coursework includes effective workplace communication and networking opportunities with potential employers.

Job assistance/placement services are also provided by RAMS Hire-Ability Employment Services Program.

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BECOME A PEER COUNSELOR

Resources

As a SFSU student, there is access to the University's Library, Computer Labs, Student Health Services, Disability Programs and Resource Center, and Counseling and Psychological Services Center, and Childcare Center as well as the College of Health & Human Services Student Resource Center.

Credit Course

Successful completion of the course is equivalent to three (3) transferrable credit units from San Francisco State University.

Financial Support

This course is being offered for FREE! All students who successfully complete the course will be eligible to receive a stipend.

Scholarships are being offered to Filipino American students, through the Philippine International Aid.

Course Sessions & Location

This course is available in the Fall and Spring of each year.

Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays (10AM to 2PM) at San Francisco State University's Downtown Campus: 835 Market Street.

Campus is ADA accessible.



Application and Minimum Qualifications

To qualify, applicants are to meet the following:

- Age 18 or older
- San Francisco Resident
- High School education

Program is intended for individuals (or family members) with personal experience in the community behavioral/mental health system.

To apply, interested participants must submit a complete application packet, which is available at www.ramsinc.org.

Questions?

You may contact the Program Coordinator, Christine Tam, at christinehtam@ramsinc.org (415) 668-5955 ext. 386.

Spring 2012 Timeline

Application Released	January 23, 2012
Open House	February 9, 2012
Application Due Date	March 2, 2012 @ 5pm
Notification of Application Status	Week of March 19, 2012
Registration Forms Due	March 30, 2012
First Day of Instruction	April 17, 2012