Peer and Family Career Academy  
Forensic Peer Support Course  

**Learning Objectives**

**Course Description.** The Forensic Peer Support Course is designed to prepare recovery/peer specialists to provide peer support to individuals who are involved with the criminal justice system and also live with mental illnesses and/or substance use disorders. In this course students will learn about and have the opportunity to practice the advanced skills necessary to support individuals intersecting with the criminal justice system at Intercepts 2 (initial detention, first court appearance) and 3 (mental health court, other problem-solving specialty court).

**Target Students.** Certified Recovery/Peer Support Specialists in Arizona with a minimum of 1 year experience providing peer support and lived experience of criminal justice involvement. Interest in pursuing peer support work with people who are criminal justice involved.

**Learning Objectives:** By the end of the course students will be able to:

1. Develop actionable support plan/treatment plan goals on the basis of criminal justice assessment (including criminogenic risk factors), documentation and individual recovery goals.

2. Demonstrate an understanding of the Sequential Intercept Model with a special focus on Intercepts 2 and 3; demonstrate and apply the knowledge, skills, and competencies for Peer Support at these Intercepts.

3. Demonstrate the ability to read, interpret and communicate to another healthcare professional the essential information from the Public Safety Assessment (PSA), a release order, a pre-sentencing report, an Offender Screening Tool (OST), and Uniform Conditions of Probation.

4. Describe the critical differences between, and the effective role of Forensic Peer Support in: Initial Appearance Court, Pretrial Services, Arraignment Court, Problem Solving Courts and Sentencing Court.

5. Demonstrate a conceptual understanding of therapeutic jurisprudence, risk-needs-responsivity, and problem-solving courts.

6. Delineate appropriate boundaries between supporting individuals to avail themselves of legal services and giving legal advice; utilize awareness of the law to assist individuals to live as law abiding citizens.

7. Outline the crisis, treatment and support resources available to persons with mental illness and/or substance use disorder in the community and respond timely to divert, support and follow up.

8. Effectively advocate for individual’s community living, recovery and health needs to be met through services and supports in the criminal justice, social services and health care systems.

9. Develop a personal safety and self-care plan to identify and respond to one’s personal history of trauma, to maintain safety and address potential triggering and re-traumatization as a result of work exposure. Establish positive professional interactions with law enforcement personnel.
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Course Outline

Class Sessions. There will be two face to face class sessions, five live online sessions and four field assignments between online sessions, each 2-3 hours in duration. The course will culminate at the Problem Solving Courts Conference in Prescott, Arizona.

Immersion: January 30, 2018 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
January 31, 2018, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm
Concho Room, Collaboratory on Central, ASU

Online: February 12, 26, March 12, 26, April 9.
45 minutes each
Times to be selected by students
Topical Guest Speaker
Check in on Field Assignments

Conference: April 18-20, 2018
Arizona Problem Solving Court Conference
Prescott Resort and Conference Center

| Course Schedule |
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| 12/14/2018      | Launch Registration/Application |
| 1/08/2018       | Applicants Notified of Selection |
| 1/30 - 31/2018  | Immersion Course                 |
| 2/12/2018       | Webinar 1: Arrest, Booking, and Release |
| 2/26/2018       | Webinar 2: Initial Appearance Court |
| 3/12/2018       | Webinar 3: Arraignment Court     |
| 3/26/2018       | Webinar 4: Mental Health/Specialty Court |
| 4/09/2018       | Webinar 5: Probation             |
| 4/18-20/2018    | Arizona Problem Solving Court Conference |