

## VCB CPRS & NAADAC CPRSS COMPARISON

This document was developed as a guide to show the differences between the IC&RC Peer Recovery and the NAADAC Peer Recovery Support Specialist certifications. This document was prepared for information purposes only and is not an extensive list of qualifications or policies of either organization. Those interested in more information or clarification should contact the respective organization directly.

	VCB CPRS	NAADAC CPRSS
<b>Experience</b>	500 hours	200 hours
<b>Education</b>	Minimum High School Diploma/GED, completion of the 72 hour DBHDS approved training.	Minimum High School Diploma/GED; 60 hours that include 48 hours of peer recovery focused training, 6 hours of ethics education and 6 hours of HIV/communicable disease education within the last 6 years.
<b>Supervision</b>	25 hours.	No specific requirement.
<b>Examination</b>	IC&RC PR Examination.	Waived until 12/31/2018.
<b>Recovery Requirement</b>	12 months.	2 years recovery, candidate and supervisor must attest.
<b>Letters of Reference</b>	Not required.	2 references, at least 1 professional.
<b>Initial Fee</b>	\$175	\$150
<b>Recertification Requirement</b>	Minimum 20 hours of education, including 6 hours of ethics.	Minimum 20 hours of education, including 6 hours of ethics.
<b>Recertification Fee</b>	\$75	\$200
<b>Reciprocity</b>	Yes	No

### OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

- Application processing time:
  - NAADAC application states it can take up to 8 weeks to process the application.
  - VCB reviews applications daily. The maximum amount of time for feedback to be received on the application, or to be registered for the examination is 10 business days.
- Application submission:
  - NAADAC only accepts submissions via mail.
  - VCB accepts application via email, fax and mail.
- Training and Education
  - NAADAC does not specifically require the DBHDS training. If a peer does not take that training, they cannot be reimbursed.
  - Six hours of HIV/Communicable disease training is required. This is not covered in the DBHDS training.
- Audited recertification process. No listing of the trainings is required, and no information about when audit may occur is listed.
- They require a work history since application/last recertification to be completed. It is unclear whether or not employment is required for recertification.
- VCB has certified over 500 CPRS's – and it is the most recognizable peer certification in the Commonwealth of Virginia.