

# Want to use your experience to help others with autism?



## What is the Community Autism Peer Specialist (CAPS) Service?

CAPS pairs an individual with autism who has completed a peer support training program with other individuals with autism to achieve personal wellness and community integration goals. Activities are chosen by the participant to build employment and/or postsecondary education and leadership skills, to live independently, care for their own health, navigate interpersonal relationships, use public transportation, engage in the community, and other areas of growth.

## CAPS Training/Position Requirements:

- Lived experience: Individuals who are 18 years of age or older with a diagnosis of autism
- Education/employment history:
  - o A high school diploma or GED from an accredited institution
  - o Within the past three years:
    - Maintained at least 12 months of successful full or part-time paid or voluntary work experience OR
    - Obtained at least 24 credit hours of post-secondary education
- Training program: Individuals will complete 75 hours of training, mostly in person in a classroom setting. Some training hours will be completed in the community or online.
- Two professional references are required; references can be past employers, educators, or other individuals who can speak to your skills and fit for this training program
- Job opportunities: Ten individuals will receive training and will be eligible to apply for a paid position as a CAPS. Employment is not guaranteed. Program expansion may result in additional employment opportunities.

## Interested Individuals can:

- Deadline to apply: 4/22/19 at 5 pm
- Apply online at [bit.ly/CAPSTraining](http://bit.ly/CAPSTraining)
- Email the paper application to [phillyap@drexel.edu](mailto:phillyap@drexel.edu)
- Mail the paper application to: Attn: Katy Kaplan, Community Behavioral Health (CBH), 801 Market Street, 7th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107

## Training Details

**Dates:** May 28, 2019 - June 14, 2019; self-paced learning activities will be required, as well as field observations of an existing peer support program in mental health

**Times:** The duration of trainings will range between full and half days; individuals should be prepared to be available between the hours of 9am-5pm.

**Location:** Community Behavioral Health 801 Market Street, 7th floor

### For more information, please contact:

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