

## Do You Know...



NILP offers many programs for the communities we serve. Our programs can be combined to offer the best possible range of services. Our services are free with the exception of our Education Division.

**Community Support Services (CS)**

**Long Term Services & Supports (LTSS)**

**NILP's Education Division**

**Nursing Home Transition Services**

**Personal Care Assistance Program**

**The Merrimack Valley Aging & Disability Resource Consortium (ADRC)**

- Options Counseling (OC)

**The Northeast Recovery Learning Community (NERLC)**

**Youth Services Program (YSP)**

## Our daily work is guided by **Our Vision Statement:**

Northeast Independent Living Program is known throughout the state for helping individuals regain and retain their independence and equality in the community through Information & Referral, Advocacy, Skills Training, Peer Counseling and Transitions.

We are a community of people who open doors to create an all-inclusive community free of communication, attitudinal, economic and architectural barriers for all people with disabilities.

For more information, please  
visit [www.nilp.org](http://www.nilp.org)



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*We Are connecting people with possibilities.*



## Peer Recovery Specialist Certificate

How Can NILP Help YOU. **CALL US AND FIND OUT**  
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## Use Your Personal Experience to Help Others

Individuals who self-identify with lived experience, and are in sustained recovery for mental health, addiction or trauma related challenges, are encouraged to enroll in a 16-credit Peer Recovery Specialist Certificate program at Northern Essex Community College.

This unique curriculum was developed by NILP's Northeast Recovery Learning Community to recognize and validate the role of peers in the workforce.

Upon completion of the certificate, you'll be prepared to directly enter the workforce or transfer credits to an associate or bachelor's degree.

**Financial Aid is available through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) program.**



## Certificate Course Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
ENG101	English Composition I	3 credits
HUS101	Introduction to Human Services	3 credits
HUS103	Community Resources and Client Populations	3 credits
HUS173	Relapse Prevention	3 credits
HUS193	Peer Recovery Specialist Practicum	4 credits

## Curriculum Includes:

- Addiction and Trauma Recovery
- SAMHSA's 10 Principles of Recovery
- Community Supports
- Working with Diverse Populations
- Recovery Stories
- Relapse Prevention Techniques
- Wellness Skills
- Navigating the Health Care System
- Ethics



## Career Pathways

In Massachusetts, Peer Recovery Specialists work with children, adolescents, adults and seniors in a range of settings such as Recovery Learning Communities (RLCs), Independent Living Centers (ILCs), Hospitals, Schools, Vocational Programs, Residential Programs, Day Programs, Correctional Facilities and Courts.

## Who do I contact?

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The Peer Recovery Specialist Certificate Program is a partnership of the Northeast Independent Living Program (NILP) & Northern Essex Community College (NECC)