

Cohort 1 A-PEERS Student Responsibilities

To complete the A-PEERS program and receive your stipend and tuition support, you agree to:

Complete your courses and/or trainings as necessary

- Finish all required 3 courses (9 credits) A-PEERS courses (Credit for applicable prior coursework may be granted; therefore, the total number of required courses may vary for each trainee.)
- Earn a grade of C or 2.0 GPA or higher in A-PEERS courses
- Keep an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher in A-PEERS courses

Finish your experience hours

- Complete your field placement (50 hours or course expectations)
- Follow all site and program expectations
- Tell us right away if you are having any problems

Stay engaged in the program

- Attend and participate in required:
 - Course(s) weekly time expectations (based on course requirements)
 - 3 hours in class time per course
 - 3-4 hours outside for independent work for homework, readings, class preparation, project work, and week in class time
 - 3-4 hours weekly for outside, independent work and homework, readings, class preparation, and project or exam preparation.
 - Onboarding orientation and activities (2-3 hours) April 17, 2026, 1:00-4:00 PM CST, Teams or Zoom meeting
 - Summer 2026, register and complete the A-PEERS SW599 course
 - Total of 52 hours of direct/indirect instruction and 50 hours of field placement completed in the Summer of 2026 or Fall 2026
 - Training(s) (as required for field placement)
 - Weekly or every 2 weeks/monthly check-in meetings/activities (1-2 hours per week) with A-PEERS team members.
 - Study groups – as needed for academic success and for preparation for the CPS certification exam
- Stay in regular contact with your A-PEERS Project Manager or Graduate Student Mentor

Complete program surveys and check-ins

- Do all pre- and post-evaluations
- Complete program evaluation surveys
- Share your job and contact information for 1 year after you finish

Get your professional ID number – support provided

- Apply for an NPI (National Provider Identifier) and provide it to the program
 - Process and support provided

What you are responsible for paying

- The Certified Peer Specialist certification exam (~\$75)
- Any tuition or fees not covered by your scholarship (costs will be identified)
- Any taxes on your stipend

Financial aid tip: Your stipend may affect your financial aid if you are a full-time enrolled degree seeking student. We strongly encourage you to talk with the Office of Student Scholarships and Financial Aid.

Important things to know

- Your stipend and tuition support are based on meeting program requirements
 - Funding is dependent on the federal grant
 - If you do not complete the program requirements, you may have to repay the funds you received
 - You will need to allow UWM to share information with your placement or apprenticeship site to support your training
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In short

To stay in A-PEERS:

- ✓ Pass your classes
 - ✓ Complete your field experience hours as assigned
 - ✓ Participate in program activities
 - ✓ Finish surveys and follow-up
 - ✓ Stay in contact with the program
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What you receive

- An individualized training plan
- Academic and career support
- Resources and support for balancing training and life needs
- Field placement or apprenticeship
- A stipend (based on your level and credits)
- Tuition scholarship support