

Application Process

To apply, please submit the following:

1. Online application
2. One reference letter (see requirements below)
3. One resume

Reference Letter Requirements

Your reference letter must include:

- The writer's relationship to you and how long they have known you
- Your strengths and areas for growth and learning, especially related to peer support
- Your readiness for Peer Support Worker training and suitability for the role
- Any relevant skills, talents, and limitations related to the training
- The writer's contact information
- Full details on the application site

You should also be able to:

- Commit to at least 40 hours of self-study
- Attend and complete the full training program and work experience placement



Start Your Journey as a Peer Support Worker!

Application Deadline: January 15, 2026

Contact Us

Have questions or want to learn more? Get in touch with us!

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Peer Support Worker Training at Thrive



About Thrive- operated by Open Door Group

Find a safe and welcoming space where you can work on your wellness goals. If you are facing mental health barriers, Thrive is dedicated to offering help and providing opportunities for personal growth and meaningful community engagement. We are here to support you every step of the way on your journey towards personal development and goal achievement, enhancing your well-being and preparing you to find sustainable and meaningful community connections!



Join us today

Who This Program Is For

This program is for people interested in working as a Peer Support Worker who have lived or living experience with mental health and/or substance use challenges. Join us if you:

- Are unemployed or underemployed (ex: working less than 20 hours per week, in unstable work, or in a low-income job)
- Have lived or living experience with mental health and/or substance use challenges
- Have been in wellness for at least six months (we recognize recovery looks different for everyone and consider individual circumstances)
- Understand your own recovery and how you maintain your wellness
- Are open to working with diverse cultural, gender, and identity communities
- Are 18 years or older
- Have strong interpersonal skills and enjoy supporting others

We encourage applications from people living in the **Vancouver Coastal Health service area.**

About Training and Work Experience

Are you interested in becoming a peer support worker? Thrive provides extensive Peer Support Worker Training and Work Experience.



12 weeks of intensive training, followed by 10–12 weeks of work experience



2.5-hour sessions held on Tuesdays and Thursdays



Additional employment readiness and wellness workshops



Support from Customized Employment Specialists and Recreation Therapists



Training start date: March 3, 2026



Access to additional training opportunities, such as NVCI, MHFA, First Aid, and more