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Mental Health Peer Specialist, Part-Time, at Pillars Adult Shelter and Pillars Adult & Family Shelter

A **Peer Specialist** offers peer support to people receiving services related to mental health and/or substance use challenges. A Peer Specialist is a person who has their own lived experience of mental health and/or substance use challenges and has completed formal training and certification in the peer specialist model of mental health and substance use-oriented peer support. They use their unique set of lived experiences and recovery, in combination with comprehensive skills-training, including continuing education, to support people with similar lived experience. Peer Specialists actively center peer support principles and skills in their work, while working in a clearly defined role and collaborating in a complementary fashion as part of an agency's team support structure.

Pillars is a Nonprofit that provides shelter, support, and solutions to address the housing needs in our community. This position will engage with a diverse population of persons experiencing homelessness and temporarily residing in a homeless shelter. The Pillars team leads with the agency values of Respect, Collaboration, Empowerment and Grit.

In this 20 hour per week position, the Peer Specialist will meet with clients at both the Pillars Adult Shelter and the Pillars Adult & Family Shelter, from 4-8pm Monday through Friday. Sharing your recovery story, providing hope, and helping clients change patterns and behaviors are key components of this role.

About Wisconsin Peer Specialists: <https://www.wicps.org/certified-peer-specialist/>

Experience and Qualifications:

- High school diploma or equivalent required
- Certified Peer Specialist certification a plus! If certification is not held yet, you will be required to work toward obtaining these credentials.
- Previous experience providing peer support preferred
- Knowledge of methods for creating wellness/recovery plans and teaching others this practice

Pay: \$13.81 per hour Job Type: Part-time

Work Environment

Ability to travel locally, with access to a reliable vehicle and possess a valid Wisconsin driver's license and automobile license. Must occasionally lift and/or move up to 50 pounds. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

COVID-19 considerations

Masks are required to be worn by all employees in common areas. COVID protocols are subject to change based on recommendations from the CDC and/or local health department recommendations.

To Apply:

Send resume/cover letter/application to Pillars, 605 E Hancock St, Appleton, WI 54911 or to Tracy Melzl, Pillars HR Assistant at tmelzl@Pillarsinc.org

Pillars is an Affirmative Action Equal Employment Opportunity employer committed to achieving a diverse workforce and to maintaining a community which welcomes and values a climate supporting equal opportunity and difference among its members. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, national origin, color, religion, age, genetics, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability or veteran status

