

CARES Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Can someone who has a couple of years in recovery from their drug of choice but still be drinking be considered having two years of continuous recovery?

A. We require that a person have two years of continuous recovery from all mind altering drugs.

Q. How much does it cost to attend the CARES Academy?

A. The CARES Academy cost nothing to the individuals. The Dept. of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities pays for the training.

Q. In what cities do the Academies take place?

A. Each Academy takes place in Atlanta, GA.

Q. Is each person responsible for paying for their hotel accommodations?

A. If a person attending the Academy lives more than 60 miles from the training site the GA Council on Substance Abuse(GCSA) pays for their double room (you will have a roommate) accommodations.

Q. How many days does the Academy last, and what are the hours?

A. The Academy takes place Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

Q. Can you use the same application to apply for another Academy if you are not accepted on your first attempt?

A. Yes, you can submit the same application for the next Academy, but we suggest that you call the CARES team (404-523-3440) to get feedback as how your application can be improved.

Q. Is it best that I get my counselor, or the judge from Drug Court to write a reference?

A. As mentioned on our website under the CARES training tab, we are not impressed with the status of your reference. It is often very difficult to reach counselors and judges when we make the calls to your references, therefore suggest that you ask someone that knows you well (not to include family members), and also someone that readily answers their phone.

Q. Where can I find more information about the application process?

A. You can find a good deal of information on our website under the Training tab CARES Academy.

Q. Is it best to ask a CARES to write one of my reference letters?

A. We suggest that you give the CARES the information mentioned on the CARES application because many of the CARES are not familiar what needs to be included in the reference letter.

Q. It mentions that it would be beneficial for an applicant to attend a ROSC/CARES workshop. Is this so?

A. We strongly suggest that you attempt to attend a ROSC/CARES workshop that is offered around the State. You can find dates and locations under the Training tab on our website –gasubstanceabuse.org

Q. If my two year recovery date for eligibility isn't until after the application deadline can I still submit my application?

A. No, we require the you meet the full criteria at the time of submission.