



Saco River Education

P.O. Box 69
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Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in Saco River Education. Our online training course for the Personal Support Specialist is an innovative way for you to learn. The majority of the Course is taken online, through SRE's website, and consists of the virtual classroom, handouts, quizzes, homework questions and onsite re-demonstrations/final exam.

Included in this packet are the Payment Guidelines, a Registration Form, the Student Enrollment Contract, a Payment Information Form, a Release of Information Form and the Course Policies and Procedures.

Saco River Education has an open enrollment policy; a student can enroll at anytime! Simply fill out and return pages 3 thru 6 to Saco River Education and retain pages 2, 7 for your records. Once Saco River Education has received all necessary forms and payment, a confirmation email is sent with all necessary information to access the web site. If there is a third party involved with funding the cost of the Course, the student will need to sign and return the Permission to Release Information Form as well. Saco River Education does have payment plan options, for more information and to set up a payment plan, please call Saco River Education or reference the Payment Information Page.

Should you have any questions regarding this material, or questions about the Course, please feel free to contact Saco River Education by phone or e-mail.

Once again thank you for your interest in Saco River Education and we look forward to working with you soon!



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PAYMENT GUIDELINE FOR PSS COURSE

Payment Policies: Payment in full, or the first installment in a payment plan (\$100), is due upon registration. Certificates **are not** issued for those who have not paid in full. Access to the website will be granted for a period of six months. **Saco River Education reserves the right to suspend access to any student who has not complied with their payment plan.**

Level I: Individual

Cost: \$200.00/individual

Level II: Agency

Cost varies depending on Agency. Please refer to your contracted price. Agency must pay for the course, not the student.

****If a student does not complete the Course a refund may be available. We are obligated to refund the party that paid the tuition. Please see our Refund Policy in the Student Enrollment Contract. Email a request for refund to billing@sacorivereducation.com.**



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Registration Form

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____

Sex _____ Last 4 SSN#: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Phone _____
Check box if ok to text to this number

Address: _____

Check the following if you need:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

- Interpreter for Live day (last class)
- Test proctored (read to you)
- Other _____

E-Mail address (mandatory): _____ (please write clearly – you will need to check this address for correspondence regularly-weekly updates will communicate changes and information)

Current Position: _____ Highest Grade Completed: _____

Full PSS Course PSS Test Out w/the following certification/license: _____
(please include copy of certification/license)

Employer Info:

Agency Name : _____ Phone Number: _____

Contact Person at Agency : _____

In planning for the re-demonstration and final exam, which site is closest to you?
(These are offered on a **regular basis** and you will see upcoming dates and times in the Student Update)

___ Presque Isle ___ Waterville ___ Saco ___ Bangor

What date does the Agency require you to have your final exam by? _____

I understand that a background check must be conducted in order to obtain the PSS Certification.

I understand that I must read the welcome packet completely.

I understand that I must read my weekly updates for new communications.

I have read and agree to the above

A letter of class confirmation and all materials needed to access the web site is sent as soon as all forms necessary have been filled out and payment received. Please allow 7 to 10 business days from receipt to process registration.

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Student Enrollment Contract

The Personal Support Specialist Course is a 50-hour online (computer-based) Certificate Course.

Tuition: \$200.00 or otherwise negotiated

Instructors: Joyce S. Segee, RN, MSN, & Elizabeth S. Sjulander, RN, BSN

Student Expectations: Each student must have a valid email address that they will check regularly for correspondence as all information including issues and/or changes will be communicated through the address. Our students are responsible for keeping SRE updated as to their contact information while they are enrolled in the course. Please provide us with your email address below.

Email address: _____

Refund Policy: All refund requests must be made in writing (utilize the refund request form available online) **within six months of enrollment and sent to SRE.**

- 100% refund available for requests received within three business days of enrollment.
- Tuition minus a \$50 registration fee and a prorated charge for each class taken/time enrolled will be issued after three business days up to a period of six months.
- No refund requests will be honored after six months of enrollment.
- Refunds are issued in the manner and issuer in which they are paid.

Please allow 4-6 weeks for your refund to process.

Payment Expectations: Full payment is expected upon registration, prior to starting the PSS Course. Saco River Education will accept payment in the form of cash or check, Visa, MasterCard or Discover. Checks should be made payable to Saco River Education. Access to the course will not be granted until full payment is received, unless a payment plan has been established and agreed upon by the billing department at Saco River Education. A confirmation of registration and all materials necessary to access the web site classroom will be sent within 7-10 business days after receipt of all completed registration forms and payment. All billing inquires, including refunds, should be directed to our billing department at billing@sacorivereducation.com.

Expiration/Reinstatement: There will be a six (6) month expiration date on all user names and passwords. This may be extended to one year upon request. There is a one year inactivation policy, and, if after one year of enrollment, if a student would like to continue with the course there will be a \$50.00 re-activation fee.

Complaints: All concerns or complaints related to the PSS Course should be directed to Elizabeth Sjulander via email (esjulander@sacoriver.net) or sent to Saco River Education, at P.O. Box 69 Waterboro, Me. 04087.

Payment Plan: Payment plans are available. Please see payment sheet for more information. SRE reserves the right to suspend the password at anytime for NON-payment. Certificates of completion will be held until verification of all funds has occurred and no student will be allowed to attend a final exam until full payment is received.

Tech Support: Is available by emailing srss@sacoriver.net or by phone during regular business hours of Monday thru Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm, or by appointment. As this is a very limited time frame you are encouraged to fully read the Welcome Packet as most technical support issues can be easily solved by following the instructions. Before calling, the student should be connected to the internet and on the SRE Website. It is essential that the student be able to work on the computer and speak with technical support at the same time in order for SRE to provide the best possible customer service. After hours technical support is available upon request, by appointment.

Background Checks: Per State Statutes Title22, Chapter 405, §1812-G, all students need to submit a completed background check. Background checks may be submitted by your employer or SRE can facilitate obtaining a background check for an additional charge. **Please note that certain disqualifying offenses, including criminal convictions, may prohibit an individual from working as a PSS/Direct Care Worker.**

Student Signature _____ Date _____

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Payment Information

Reminder: For all payment methods tuition is due upon registration. Acceptable payment methods are cash (do not mail), checks, Visa, Mastercard and Discover. No student will be allowed to attend a final exam prior to full tuition being received.

- Payment in full
- Payment plan: \$100 down /\$50 due in 30 days/\$50 due in 60 days (invoice will be emailed when due)

I am paying by **CHECK or MONEY ORDER.**

Please make payable to **Saco River Education** and mail to:
P.O. Box 69
Waterboro, Maine 04087

I am paying by **CREDIT CARD.** (please fill out the information below)

I authorize Saco River Education to charge me \$21.00 to conduct a background check.(If applicable-authorization required)

I authorize Saco River Education to charge my credit card for tuition for the plan chosen above- I understand charges will be made automatically when due if payment plan is chosen.

(account number)

(exp. date)

(card security code)

(signature)

(date)

_____ Billing Address: _____

(name on card)

[] I am paying by **CASH.** (Please, do NOT mail cash)

If you wish to pay by cash, please come to our location at:
802 Main Street
Waterboro, Maine.
This is the Saco River Health Services office, you may pay by cash and get a receipt for payment at this location.



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Permission to Release Information

As a student who is participating in this class, funded by an agency / facility, you **MUST** give permission for Saco River Education to release information to that agency / facility.

I, _____, hereby give permission for Saco River Education to disclose/receive information to/from _____ (please fill in the name of the agency / facility) about any of the following:

1. All Attendance
2. General Updates with detail available upon request
3. All correspondence between Student and SRE
4. Background Check

The above information will be released with my full consent. I understand that this authorization remains in effect until a written request is sent to revoke this authorization.

Signature of Student Allowing Release of Information

Date

TO PROVIDER, please provide SRE with an email address that is checked frequently so SRE can send you progress Updates and any other necessary information.

Email Address: _____

Contact Name: _____

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Policies and Procedures of the Course

Student Attendance: Each student is responsible for their own progress. Each student must have a working email address to which we may send progress reports. Progress reports (with a signed Permission to Release) will also be sent to any Agency that is funding the training.

Length of Course: The Course is accessed through a 24-hour website therefore class length is the amount of time it takes the student to complete the required materials. Saco River Education (SRE) expects completion of the course will be within 9 months, yet we reserve the right to terminate enrollment for students due to inactivity. Student will be notified via email. On initial enrollment an expiration date will be given of 6 months for completion. An extension is easily obtained by contacting Saco River Education via phone or email.

Independent Study: Each student who is enrolled in SRE's online training is an independent study student. We expect that our students will take responsibility for initiating activity on our learning website. We are available via email and through our website contacts, and will respond to your questions as soon as we can. We will provide details regarding how to contact your Instructor upon registration.

Student Learning Expectations: Each student is expected to independently complete all of the required classes including viewing/listening to the class, reading any associated handouts, completing and emailing the homework questions in the syllabus, and submitting an accepted quiz. We will contact students via a weekly update, this will show progress as well as homework/quizzes is not accepted. Students may contact their SRE for further clarification if needed. Students may call our administrative office during business hours and we will assist them over the phone. Students will also be required to attend a re-demonstration in person and final exam.

Partial Completion: Any student who completes the initial "core" curriculum (classes 1-6) can receive a partial certificate of completion. This may be credited towards the Certified Nursing Assistant Curriculum for a period of two years.

Educational Materials: The online program is the primary text, and the handouts printable. We will provide printed handouts for the entire class for a charge of \$35.00. Students are NOT required to purchase any text for this Course. The classroom/curriculum material however, is ONLY available online and not available to be printed, for any fee.

Testing: Students will complete homework and quizzes located within the PSS classroom. These are taken at the end of each class and may be taken up to 3 times if a score of 80% is not achieved. Once a quiz is taken more than once, a maximum grade of 80% is assigned. If you need a quiz reset, please email sre@sacorivereducation.com, please allow 2 business days. You may continue moving forward in the Course and go back to the missed homework/quiz. A re-demonstration of skills onsite is required after all classes have been completed. A secured final exam is given on the re-demonstration day. The student must achieve an average of 80% on all testing to successfully complete the course. After successful completion of all classes, re-demonstration skills and the final exam, certificates are requested from the State of Maine. You may print your certificate from www.maine.gov/dhhs/dlrs in approximately six weeks from completion of final exam.

Required Materials: A windows based computer in which you are the administrator (i.e. not a "guest"), a working email address that you check regularly (i.e. at least 5 times a week) and access to the internet (preferably high speed) using Google Chrome as a web browser.