

# Become a Certified Community Health Worker (CHW)

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**Do you want to help others?**

**Do you want to make a difference?**

*Register for CHW Certification Training today!*

Becoming a Community Health Worker (CHW) allows you to serve as a link between healthcare and community supports & services.

This 120 hour, basic course is designed to introduce students to the basic concepts and foundation of community health and the role of the community health worker (CHW).

## What does a CHW do?

As a CHW you:

- Help people better understand and control their chronic health conditions
- Help people develop actions plans aimed at improving their health
- Connect people to the services and supports they need to improve their overall health and well-being
- Assist the healthcare team improve their patient's health outcomes

## Accredited CHW Certification Training

- 12-week program, meets twice per week
- Minimum of 100 hours of instruction
- 40 hours of supervised practicum
- Independent Study Capstone Project

Pre-requisites:

- Must be 18 years old or older
- High school diploma or GED required
- Criminal background check
- Driver's license & adequate transportation

## What's Covered in this Course?

- Advocacy & community capacity building
- Effective oral & written communication skills
- Cultural competency
- Ethics and confidentiality
- Local resources & system navigation
- Care coordination & support skills
- Teaching to promote healthy behavior change
- Outreach methods and strategies
- Public health concepts & health literacy

## How Do I Register?

For more information or to register for an upcoming course, please contact:

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