

Community Health Worker

Certificate

Career Definition

Community Health Workers teach people about behaviors that promote wellness. They develop and implement strategies to improve the health of individuals and communities. Community health workers provide a link between the community, health educators, and other healthcare and social service professionals. They collect data and discuss health concerns with members of specific populations or communities. Although the two occupations often work together, responsibilities of health educators and community health workers are distinct. In addition to direct care, community health workers also participate in community based education, advocacy, policy and change efforts to improve comprehensive healthcare delivery.

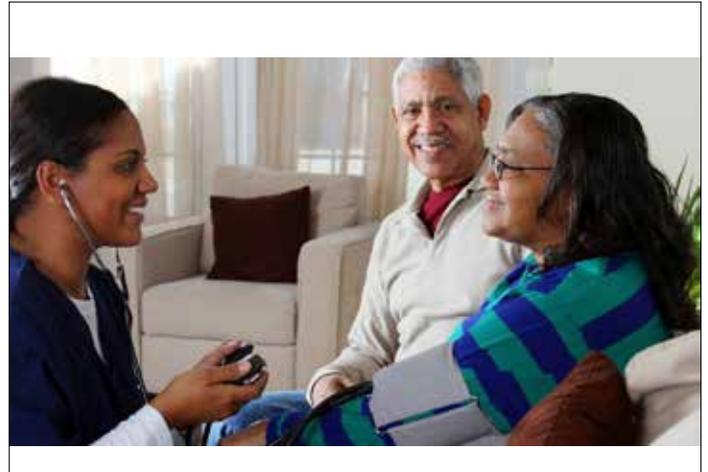
Program Overview

This 17 credit-hour certificate program provides entry level education and field experience for students wishing to obtain a position as a Community Health Worker. This program prepares students for community health positions such as community health advocates, lay health educators, community health representatives, patient navigators, and Promotores de Salud. The certificate can be completed in two semesters with full-time study in the first semester and professional practice experience in semester two, or on a part-time basis over three semesters. Following completion of this program, students commonly pursue an Associate Degree in Human Services or a related profession.

Pathway for High School Students Get a Head Start on Your Future Career

Earn college credit towards the Community Health certificate while in high school. Take the following course under the dual credit initiative offered between your high school and Harper College:

HSC 112- Medical Terminology (2)



Opportunities for Employment

According to the United States Department of Labor 2016-2017 Occupational Outlook Handbook, employment of health educators and community health workers is projected to grow 13 percent from 2014 to 2024, faster than the average for all occupations. Growth will be driven by efforts to improve health outcomes and to reduce healthcare costs by teaching people healthy habits and behaviors and explaining how to use available healthcare services.

For a complete overview of all related positions, job market and salary trends, please consult the Occupational Outlook Handbook: <http://www.bls.gov/ooh>

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