Community Health Workers

Community Health Workers (CHW) are a vital link to promoting health and wellness throughout communities and to lowering healthcare costs. Credentialed CHWs act as part of a healthcare team within hospitals, public health and social service agencies and other community support organizations. They promote health and wellness through outreach, education, referral and follow-ups, case management, advocacy and home visiting services. The course is divided in four academic units (96 hours) followed by a field experience (108 hours).

REQUIREMENTS

- Immunization records (if required for field work assignment)
- High school diploma or equivalency - PREFERRED
- Prior experience in the field of healthcare or behavioral health related services—PREFERRED

COURSE OUTCOMES

Students will gain the knowledge, skills, and abilities as indicated by completing written and performance exams at the end of the course. Core competencies include among others motivational interviewing, professional skills, intro to computers, outreach and advocacy. During the internship each student will work with a diverse population of people within a selected community by promoting public health, conducting wellness outreach services, educating individuals and families on health and wellness matters, and making needed referrals. Students who have successfully complete the course will also receive seven credit hours towards a CHW certificate or Human Services Degree at SUNY Schenectady

Contacts us to learn more about this opportunity
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Upcoming Classes:
Schenectady Location:
Center City 433A State Street,
2nd floor Rear, Schenectady, NY

Date:
TBD

Times:
6:00 PM-9:00 PM
Tuesday & Thursday

Duration: one semester (96 hours) plus 108 hours of internship at area hospitals, medical centers and other healthcare or community organizations.

Students are assisted in setting up approved internships.

Cost: $1,625.00 (includes textbooks and CKTA bus transportation) or FREE* to those who meet the HPOG grant requirements. *(All eligible participants must go through an intake process. The grant is part of a national study and applicants will be selected by lottery. Not all eligible applicants will be selected to participate in this opportunity.)

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