



## COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER

### Train to Become a Community Health Worker in Just 4 Months!

Community Health Workers (CHWs) are frontline public health workers who provide health and social service support to individuals in the community and also build community capacity by increasing health knowledge and self-sufficiency through a range of activities such as community education, counseling, and advocacy.

Working with a Community Care team including Doctors, Nurses, Therapists and Social Workers, CHWs conduct home visits, facilitate transportation and patient appointments, link patients to supportive services and teach patients self-management techniques with the goal of improving health outcomes.

As a CHW, your responsibilities will be to help individuals, families, groups and communities develop their capacity and access resources, including health insurance, food, housing, and quality care and health information.

If you are interested in entering the growing health care and human services sector and are looking for a career pathway which will allow you to explore your passion for helping others and building community, then Community Health Worker may be the position for you.

### What is a Community Health Worker?

*"...a frontline public health worker who is a trusted member of and has an unusually close understanding of the community served. This trusting relationship enables the CHW to serve as a liaison/link/intermediary between health/social services and the community to facilitate access to services and improve the quality and cultural competence of service delivery." – The American Public Health Association*

### Program Information:

#### Location: In-Person

- Earn Six College Credits
  - HMS 117 Introduction to Community Service (3)
  - HMS 205 Community Service Internship (75-hours) (3)
- Training topics include:
- CHW Fundamentals
- Six Additional Certifications
- Computer Literacy
- Employability Sessions
- CPR and First-Aid
- Epilepsy Recognition and First-Aid
- NARCAN Training Certification
- Mental Health First-Aid
- Suicide Prevention

### Minimum Requirements:

- High School Diploma or equivalent required
- 18 years of age or older
- Computer Skills, Microsoft Office
- Valid New York Driver's License in good standing
- Interest in health and human services related work
- Proven eligibility to work in the U.S
- Based on internship placement, participants may be required to provide medical clearance and proof of COVID vaccination and flu shot, complete a background check and/or drug screening

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#### Many Roles Under One Umbrella of Community Health Worker

- Health Adviser
- Community Health Representative
- Family Health Advocate
- Community Educator
- Patient Navigator
- Outreach Worker
- Community Coordinator
- Patient Educator

Employers of Community Health Workers include hospitals, clinics, human service agencies and advocacy non-profits.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the mean annual wage for Community Health Workers in New York State is: \$ 24.21 Hourly and \$ 50,350 annually.

#### Is the Community Worker Program Right for me?

Community health workers usually don't work alone in a back office or hide behind their computers all day. Just like the name suggests, being a CHW entails working in the community. Community health workers are empathetic and willing to go the extra mile to ensure individuals have access to the care services they need.

Whether you desire to work in a hospital setting or with family services, being a CHW involves connecting with others and promoting health for residents in the community.

*Statistical Reference: Community Health Workers (bls.gov)*

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