

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER



Program description

A community health worker (CHW) is a frontline public health worker who understands the needs of the community. They serve as liaisons among health care organizations, social service organizations and the community to facilitate access to services and improve the quality and cultural competence of service delivery.

CHWs collaborate with residents to help them access essential community resources and resolve challenges they encounter in the places where they live, learn, work, worship and play. They work in various settings such as community health centers, nonprofit organizations, health clinics, public housing organizations, hospitals and client homes.

Depending on where they work, who they work for and what they do, CHWs may be known as community care coordinators, community health advisors, community resource specialists, navigation specialists, patient navigators, home visitors or outreach workers/specialists.

Teaching strategies used during this course include group discussions, role-playing, community presentations, guest speakers, audiovisuals, self-assessment, panel presentations, computer searches, resource identification, community resource updates and professionalism.

Other important information

- The program runs for a total of 24 weeks. The cost is \$2,500.
- Classroom training may be offered in person or virtually (day, evening and weekend options are available). Two classroom sessions are held at the Metro Campus.
- Students must complete 106 hours of classroom training and 130 hours of clinical/field service work, submit an online Ohio Board of Nursing application (\$35 fee), and pass an Ohio Board of Nursing background check.
- Day, evening and weekend options are available for clinical/field service work (sites may require immunization and/or background check clearance prior to clinicals. The background check fee for clinicals is included in the tuition).
- A high school diploma or GED diploma is required. Proof of a high school or GED diploma must be provided following registration and before the start of class.

Call 216-987-2942 or 216-987-2925 for more information.

Program cost

Visit the Health Industry Solutions web page for pricing.

The textbook is included in the cost of tuition. Immunizations, the Board of Nursing background check fee, and the application fee are not included in the program cost.

No refund will be given after classes begin.

Financial aid eligibility

This program is **not** Federal Financial Aid/Pell-Eligible.

Scholarships, payment plans, and other financial aid options may be available. For more information, call 216-987-6000, option 1.

Upon completion, students receive

- Ohio Board of Nursing CHW certification
- Tri-C Certificate of Completion
- American Heart Association BLS CPR for Health Care Providers

Related programs/training

- Health Care (Workforce Training Programs)

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