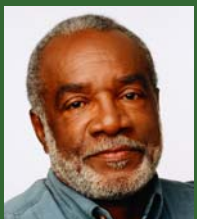


Community Health Worker Program



COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER PROGRAM THE CURRICULUM

Ivy Tech State College, HealthVisions Midwest, and St. Catherine Hospital joined together to develop a curriculum to prepare Community Health Workers. This program combines course work, self-paced learning, and practical field experience. A Career Development Certificate Program develops a more skilled and educated work force while building a Healthy Community.

Upon earning the Community Health Worker Certificate Program, the student will be able to:

- Write and speak with clarity, precision, and purpose.
- Critically examine various diseases and health problems as well as prevention strategies.
- Examine and interpret the emergence of the U.S. community health movement.
- Facilitate the process of community health care change.
- Explore the ways in which cultural diversity affects community-based health.
- Analyze issues, solve problems and engage in life-long learning.

WHO ARE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS?

Community Health Workers (CHWs) are community members who want to work toward building a Healthy Community. These skilled, active and vital professionals help increase community access to healthcare, improve health care quality, reduce healthcare costs, strengthen local economies, and empower families and the community.

As an educated and certified CHW, you will:

- Assess community health care needs.
- Coordinate care and case management.
- Communicate the needs, culture, and strengths of the community.
- Educate the community about prevention and access to healthcare.
- Organize community initiatives.

Courses and other learning experiences may be completed in two semesters. Practical experiences are provided in selected community health care and social service agencies serving children and adults. During each semester, students also are required to attend various professional development seminars. Students will have a solid foundation in the human sciences and communications area as well as in introductory level courses in the Human Services Division.

REQUIRED COURSES

ANP 101 Anatomy & Physiology I	3 cr.
ANP 102 Anatomy & Physiology II	3 cr.
or	
HMS 281 Introduction to Human Anatomy Systems and Disease Conditions and	3 cr.
HHS 101 Medical Terminology	3 cr.
COM 102 Interpersonal Communications	3 cr.
HMS 101 Introduction to Human Services	3 cr.
HMS 102 Helping Relationships Tech	3 cr.
HMS 280 Coop/Internship	2 cr.
HMS 281 Wellness and Prevention Tech	3 cr.
HMS 281 Community Health Concepts	3 cr.
HMS 201 Internship I	4 cr.
Total	27 cr.

EARN A CAREER DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE

CHWs learn:

- Communication skills
- Interpersonal skills
- A broad knowledge base of the community, specific health issues and the available health and social service systems.
- Service coordination skills to help identify and assess resources, to network and build coalitions and provide follow-up.
- Capacity building skills, including empowerment and leadership.
- Advocacy skills, teaching skills, organizational skills, cultural sensitivity and use of technology.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Application to the College
- High School Diploma or GED Transcript
- ASSET/COMPASS Placement Test

Find out more about becoming a Community Health Worker at Ivy Tech State College Northwest.

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