

# Community Health Worker



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

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.

## Upcoming Class:

**Dates:** Current class schedule can be found on our website at [www.sunysccc.edu/wfdce](http://www.sunysccc.edu/wfdce) under healthcare trainings

### Times:

6:00 PM-9:00 PM  
Wednesday & Thursday

### Location:

Online class

Students will be required to follow all COVID-19 protocols in place when the class is in session according to SUNY Schenectady guidelines.

### Cost:

\$1,800 (includes tuition, and textbooks)

Please note that SUNY Schenectady has some laptop computers available for loan for registered students.

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