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HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Community Health Worker

Application and Information Packet

Health Professions Program at Utah State University

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The Community Health Worker Core Skills Training Program is a certificate program that can be completed in 9-12 weeks. The program prepares and trains individuals for a career in health care as a community health worker. According to the American Public Health Association, "community health workers (CHWs) serve as a link between social services and the community to facilitate access to services and improve the quality and cultural competence of service delivery. Since CHWs typically reside in the community they serve, they have the unique ability to bring information where it is needed most. They can reach community residents where they live, eat, play, work and worship. CHWs are frontline agents of change, helping to reduce health disparities in underserved communities." Community Health Workers can seek employment with local health authorities, community based organizations, schools and healthcare agencies including hospitals, health clinics and independent providers. Community health workers are known by a variety of titles: community health worker, community health representative, promotor, patient navigator, health mentor, patient advocate, etc. The Community Health Worker Program is an approved program with the State of Utah Department of Health . Upon the successful completion of coursework, students receive a certificate from Utah State University and from the Utah Department of Health, Healthy Living through Environment, Policy and Improved Clinical Care Program (EPICC). The USU Certified Nursing Assistant Program complies with the State of Utah Department of Health requirements for core skill competencies for Community Health Workers. Students successfully completing the program will be well prepared for a career as a Community Health Worker.

Community Health Worker Entrance Requirements

Utah State University has an open admission policy. Applicants will be admitted without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, or veteran's status. In addition, discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation for employees in all aspects of employment and for students in academic programs and activities is prohibited. An English skills level 6 is recommended to be successful in this program. However, instruction and tutoring in Spanish and Navajo will be provided to support successful completion. No other educational pre-requisites are required. Acceptance into this program will be by the selection process.

General Admissions Procedures

To be officially admitted to the college as a full-time matriculated student, an applicant must submit the following:

1. Must be at least 16 years of age before beginning the program.
2. A completed [Application for Admission](#).
3. There is no application fee or cost of admission to individuals selected to participate in this program.
4. Must hold primary residence in state of Utah.
5. Optional: Provide a letter of recommendation.
6. Optional: Provide a resume.

Notification of acceptance and resident status will be sent from the Community Health Certificates Host Site Coordinator. If a student's application is incomplete at the time of registration, the student will not be admitted to the program. **This program is free of cost to those selected to participate.**

Students with Disabilities

If a student has a disability that qualifies under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and requires reasonable accommodation, that student should contact the Disability Resource Center for information on appropriate policies and procedures. Disabilities covered by ADA may include learning, sensory, emotional, physical or medical impairments.

Students may contact the DRC to determine if they qualify for accommodations. Students at USU Blanding may contact Sarah Gosney (435-678-8161) in the Student Services hall or call directly to the USU DRC at 1-435-797-2444.

Please contact the DRC as early in the semester as possible.

Application Requirements:

1. Complete the Community Health Worker Certificate application and return it to:

Dani Rodriguez
USU Moab
125 Wst 200 South
Moab, UT 84532
720-217-5129
dani.rodriguez@usu.edu

Teryn Lyman or TD Olsen
USU Blanding
344 West 800 North
Blanding, UT 84511

Note: TO - Dani Rodriguez

Phone/email contact is still:
720-217-5129
dani.rodriguez@usu.edu

Zak Konakis
USU Eastern
451 East 400 North
Price, UT 84501

Note: TO - Dani Rodriguez

Phone/email contact is still:
720-217-5129
dani.rodriguez@usu.edu

Program Requirements

Application Deadline: The CHW application must be submitted by **the first Friday in August** (August 7th, 2021 by 11:59 pm) for fall semester.

ATTENDANCE / PARTICIPATION:

Utah Department of Health requires proof of 60 (+) training hours minimum (online /in person skills sessions)

- 60 hours Class/skills Sessions
- Varies Final Practicum Project (must receive prior approval)

**Throughout the course, students will complete five preparatory assignments to develop a final clinical/ community based practicum or externship.*

Final Practicum Project Preparation

Prior to initiating any community practicum externship, students are required to complete and submit to their facilitator all five preparatory assignments for the final project and attend an orientation with the appropriate sites that they will be partnering for their final project. For individuals partnering with a health clinic or healthcare provider for their final project, they may be required to complete additional background screenings and immunizations per the site's requirements.

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DEADLINE: First Friday in August (August 7th, 2021)

Application

Name (Print): _____
Last First Middle (Optional)

Phone: _____ Email (Required for course access): _____

Primary Language: _____ Other Language(s): _____

What racial or ethnic background do you identify with? (Voluntary)

Do you currently work as a Community Health Worker? _____ Yes _____ No _____ Unsure

How long have you been working as a CHW? _____ Months (Enter #) _____ Years (Enter #)

How often do you work as a CHW? (Check one)

_____ Daily _____ A few times/week _____ A few times/month _____ Not very often _____ N/A

If you have an organization that you work for or volunteer for as a CHW, please provide the name here:

Please briefly tell us why you want to take the CHW Core Skills Training?

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What are you passionate about in your community?

Do you plan to work as a CHW after the training? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Are you willing to serve as a mentor for the next cohort of CHWs? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Do you feel confident that you have English language reading / writing skills of level 6?

(Note: If you believe you are not at this level, or are unsure, support and tutoring will be available in Spanish and Navajo)

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Do you have consistent and reliable access to a computer and Internet or the ability to access a local USU learning center? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Would you prefer joining an online, self-paced classroom or an in person class at your local USU learning center? ☐ Online ☐ In-Person ☐ Unsure

Optional Attachments:

- Resume evidencing experience with community health work
- List of references / letter of references to speak to your work in the community.