

Community Health Worker Certificate of Achievement - Active

Department: Health Education

Approval: November 2018

Effective Semester: Fall 2019

Community Health Workers (CHW) provide health education, case management and client advocacy in both community-based and health care settings. CHWs serve as a two-way bridge between communities and key health and social resources. They play a vital role in reducing health inequalities among underserved communities by reducing barriers to access in a culturally appropriate way.

The San Francisco Department of Public Health accepts the certificate of achievement to satisfy six out of twelve months of experience that is required as minimum qualification for hiring as a Health Worker 1-3.

For more information, an application or a form for documenting work experience, go to www.ccsf.edu/chw.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Analyze and evaluate public health concepts and information for health promotion.
- Assess and integrate professional skills necessary for employment in the CHW field.
- Evaluate and implement entry-level proficiency in CHW core competencies for working effectively with diverse individuals, groups and communities.

Admission to the program is based on:

1) The completion of HLTH 59 "Introduction to Community Health Work" with a grade of "C" or better

OR

2) Documented successful experience as a Community Health Worker and submission of a Completed Program Application by the stipulated deadline.

Requirements for the Certificate of Achievement

To receive the Certificate of Achievement, in addition to the general requirements for all certificates, the following must be satisfied:

1. Successful completion of 120-150 internship hours during HLTH 203W
2. All courses must be completed within a 3 year period, starting from the first semester of enrollment in HLTH 201. Any student planning to take HLTH 203 six months or more after completing HLTH 201, are strongly advised to meet with the CHW program Coordinator and complete required internship paperwork before H203W begins.

The minimum time for completion of this certificate is 2 semesters. Completion time will vary based on student preparation and number of units or classes completed per semester.

Courses Required for the Certificate of Achievement in Community Health Worker

Course	Units
Required courses:	
HLTH 201 - CHW Principles & Practice 1	5.00
HLTH 202 - CHW Principles & Practice 2	5.00
HLTH 203 - Professional Skills for Community Health Workers	2.00
HLTH 203W - CHW Internship Placement	2.00
HLTH 64 - Health Education Training: Skills and Practice	3.00
HLTH 66 - Chronic Conditions Management	3.00
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