



This 16-week non-credit training program prepares individuals to practice the Missouri core competencies for Community Health Workers (CHWs) and work as CHWs within healthcare and social service organizations. CHWs are trusted members of the community who assist individuals and communities to adopt healthy behaviors through service coordination, advocacy, and capacity building strategies. Program graduates will be eligible to apply for the Community Health Worker credential through the Missouri Credentialing Board.

Program Overview

The CHW program combines classroom instruction with community-based service learning. Classroom instruction covers topics such as the role of community health workers, public health, health equality, cultural humility, documentation, chronic disease management, maternal and child health, reproductive health, mental health, trauma, substance abuse, health outreach, client-centered counseling, care management and home visits.

Service learning allows students to apply classroom concepts and practice the Missouri CHW core competencies within the communities they will be serving. Students design their service learning experiences based on their interests, community, and personal learning plan. Service learning experiences include resource gathering, networking, outreach, and workplace learning.

Training Schedule

Dates | Aug. 24 – Dec. 17, 2021

Classroom Instruction | Tues. and Thurs. from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom web conferencing platform. Mandatory in-person orientation is scheduled on Aug. 24 at the William J. Harrison Education Center, St. Louis, MO 63106. Time TBD.

Service Learning | 60+ Hours completed independently within the community.

Online Coursework | In addition to classroom and service learning hours, student should expect to spend 4-8 hours completing online coursework weekly.

Tuition

Tuition funding is provided by a grant from the Anthem Foundation, LLC for those selected. Tuition includes cost of textbook.

Current Eligibility

Enrollment for the CHW program is highly selective and seats fill quickly. Candidates that apply will be required to:

- Be at least 18 years old and have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Submit application, resume, and cover letter and be selected to interview
- Register with the Missouri Family Care Safety Registry*
- Demonstrate academic and career readiness and passion for serving the community

**Results are not for exclusionary purposes*

How to Get Started

1. Apply online at www.stlcc.edu/CHW. Application deadline is Aug. 2 or when seats fill.
2. Submit a resume and cover letter that documents your experience and passion for community health.
3. Notify program staff if you will be completing the program as part of your current employment.
4. Candidates will be notified by Aug. 9 if they have been selected for interview.

MO CHW Core Competencies

Professionalism and Conduct



Self-Awareness



Service Coordination and System Navigation



Education to Promote Healthy Behavior Change



Advocacy



Individual and Community Capacity Building



Effective Communications Strategies



Cultural Responsiveness



Documentation and Reporting



Use of Public Health/Community Health Concepts and Approaches



Individual Assessment



Community Assessment

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