

Community Health Worker Training

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This accelerated job 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 in adopting healthy behaviors through service coordination, advocacy, and capacity-building strategies. Graduates earn a non-credit certificate of completion and are eligible to apply for the Community Health Worker credential through the Missouri Credentialing Board.



Program Highlights:

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

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.

- 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

Tuition:

Tuition, learning materials, and supplies are provided by Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services.

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Training Schedule:

March 7 - June 27, 2024

Classroom

- William J. Harrison Education Center, 3140 Cass Ave., St. Louis, MO 63106
- Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Service Learning

- 60+ hours completed independently within the community

Online Coursework

- In addition to classroom and service-learning hours, students should expect to spend 10+ hours completing online coursework weekly

Current Eligibility:

Enrollment for the CHW program is highly selective and seats fill quickly. To be considered, candidates must:

- Be at least 18 years old and have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Submit an application, resume and cover letter that demonstrates passion for serving the community and be selected to interview
- Demonstrate academic and career readiness
- Demonstrate a passion for serving the community
- Be employed, or commit to being employed, as a CHW

How to Get Started:

1. Apply online at stlcc.edu/CHW. The application deadline is February 16 or when seats fill.
2. Submit a tailored resume and cover letter documenting your experience and passion for community health.
3. Candidates will be notified by February 23 if they have been selected to interview.