

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER *certificate*

Community Health Workers (CHW) provide frontline health services to the public as case coordinators, community liaisons, family advocates, home health care providers and intake specialists giving guidance on health behaviors. The CHW serves as a liaison/link/intermediary between health/social services and the community to facilitate access to services and improve health knowledge and self-efficiency through a range of activities such as outreach, community education, informal counseling, social support, and advocacy. The CHW certificate program of study prepares individuals with the necessary skills to perform the duties of a community health worker. With additional education and/or work experience, there is opportunity for advancement into supervisory or managerial positions within the field of community and or public health. All of the course work in the certificate will apply towards the Associate of Science Degree with emphasis in Public Health.

Required Program of Study for Certificate (17 weeks)

Fall Semester	
Course	Credits
HLTH 1060 Comprehensive Medical Terminology	3
HLTH 1210 Community Health Worker	3
HPER 2310 Community Health.....	3
HUSR 1010 Introduction to Human Services & Counseling.....	3
NURA 1110 Nurse Aide	3
SPCH 1110 Public Speaking	3
Total Credit Hours	18

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A Community Health Worker teaches people about healthy behaviors and decision making that promote wellness and overall good health practices. Community Health Workers also collect health data and study statistical trends and then discuss the trends with members of specific populations or communities to make positive healthy decisions. Community Health Workers provide a link between the community and healthcare professionals.

Other key functions and job duties:

- Discuss health concerns with community members
- Educate people about the importance and availability of healthcare services, such as cancer screenings
- Collect data
- Report findings to health educators and other healthcare providers
- Provide informal counseling and social support
- Conduct outreach programs
- Facilitate access to the healthcare services
- Advocate for individual and community needs
- Help eligible residents of a community enroll in programs such as Medicaid or Medicare and explain benefits available
- Make referrals for basic needs such as food, housing, education, and mental health services

Source: <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/community-and-social-service/health-educators.htm>

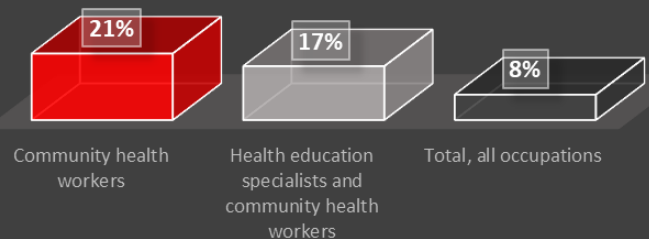


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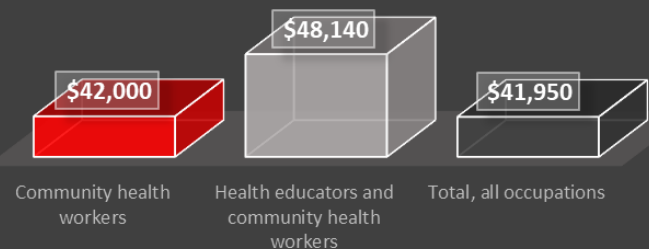
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HEALTH EDUCATORS & COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS % change in employment, projected 2020-30



Note: All Occupations includes all occupations in the U.S. Economy.
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment Projections program.

HEALTH EDUCATORS & COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS Median annual wages, May 2020



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TUITION: Estimated 2021-22 in-state tuition and fees for this certificate at Northeast is \$2,250.