Community Health Worker

Program

Community Health Worker students learn to serve in a broad range of health-related functions and play an important role in bridging the gap between distinct communities and health and social care systems. The CHW certificate can also offer students a pathway to advance their academic careers in other health- and social services-related fields such as community health, nursing, medical assistant, social work and more.

Career opportunities

Community Health Worker certificate holders often provide the first line of support for people in need of health and social care services. They provide their communities with information about health issues that affect them and link individuals with the health and social services they need to achieve wellness. They work with health care organizations to increase and improve access to health care organizations, improve access to health care for racial and ethnic minorities, improve quality of care for the chronically ill, promote healthy communities and educate families about access to and the use of health care coverage. Community health workers may serve as advisers, case managers or referral sources. They are advocates, facilitators, motivators, culture brokers and interpreters who mentor people to help health care providers respond to patients.
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Keys to success

Community health workers are defined by the trust they receive from the communities they work in. To be effective, community health workers must develop and preserve that trust. They must be good communicators who enjoy working with people. At the same time, they must be prepared to understand complex health and social care policies and procedures and stay on top of ongoing changes in them.

The NTC advantage

The **Community Health Worker** program is offered online with only one or two campus visits required. Distance learners can also arrange for these face-to-face visits in their own communities to avoid travel.

**NTC Community Health Worker** instructors maintain a strong professional network within the health and social care community across Minnesota and North Dakota.

**NTC faculty and staff** are committed to creating a positive learning experience for students of all ages and backgrounds. Students enjoy individual advising from instructors, free tutoring, academic support and career counseling.

**NTC partners** with nearby Bemidji State University, where students have the option to live in BSU residence halls, attend athletic events and use the Gillett Recreation-Fitness Center, as well as the BSU Outdoor Program Center.

Required courses

College readiness courses may be required in reading, writing and math based on performance on the Accuplacer assessment. Contact the Office of Admissions to schedule an assessment.

**Community Health Worker, certificate, 17 credits**

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