



COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER

Community health workers (CHWs) are trusted members of the community they serve who assist individuals and communities in their adoption of healthy behaviors. Community health workers may conduct outreach for community or health organizations to implement programs in the community that promote, maintain, and improve individual and community health.

Additionally, community health workers may also provide: information on available resources, social support and informal counseling, advocate for individuals and community health needs, services such as first aid and blood pressure screening and collect data to help identify community health needs.

This 16-week, non-credit program combines 100 classroom hours with 60 service learning hours. The classroom instruction covers topics that include the role of community health workers, public health,

chronic disease management, mental health, health outreach, community organizing and advocacy, client-centered counseling, conducting client interviews, care management and home visits. The service learning experience provides individuals with the opportunity to learn and participate in resource gathering, networking and outreach.

Upon successful completion of the CHW training program, candidates are eligible to apply for the Community Health Worker credential through the Missouri Credentialing Board.

SALARY

The average salary of a Community Health Worker in the Kansas City area is \$41,990 annually.*

*Salary source – U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021

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