The mission of the Community Health Certificate program is to prepare students for immediate employment in healthcare by providing them with skills in cultural competency and interpersonal communication as well as foundational knowledge in health promotion and disease prevention.

Community Health Workers (CHWs) are frontline public health professionals who are able to build trusting relationships with other members of their community. CHWs have many responsibilities, some of these include helping individuals navigate an unfamiliar and complicated healthcare system, conducting street and home outreach, providing health education and information, conducting informal counseling and making referrals. This type of work is suitable for those who have excellent communication skills, enjoy working directly with people, and are interested in helping individuals lead healthier lives.

The certificate program consists of 30 credits, which upon completion, will transfer directly into the AS Degree in Public Health.

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30 Credits required for Certificate

**Semester I**

- **ENG 10** Fundamentals of Composition and Rhetoric
  OR **ENG 11** Composition and Rhetoric I (3 Credits)
- **COMM 11** Fundamentals of Interpersonal Communication (3 Credits)
- **HLT 91** Critical Issues in Health (2 Credits)
- **PSY 11** Introduction to Psychology (3 Credits)
- **HSC 10** Human Services and Social Welfare Institutions (3 Credits)
- **PEA 12** Elementary Hatha Yoga OR
  **PEA 82** Introduction to Tai Chi Chuan (1 Credit)
- **CPL 11** Computer Literacy (1 Credit)

**Semester II**

- **HLT 90** Health and Aging (3 Credits)
- **HCM 31** Community Health Care Management (3 Credits)
- **Select 2 Courses from the following** (6 Credits):
  - **HLT 89** HIV/AIDS
  - **HLT 92** Drugs, Society and Human Behavior
  - **HLT 93** Human Sexuality
  - **HLT 94** Human Nutrition
  - **HLT 96** Health Education for Parenting
  - **HLT 97** Field Work in Community Health Resources
- **CPR 10** Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation OR
  **WFA 10** Workplace First Aid Training (1 Credit)
- **PEA** Physical Education (1 Credit)

1 Prerequisite HLT 91
2 Prerequisites HLT 91 and HSC 10