



University of New Mexico-Taos Certificate in Community Health

Community Health Workers (CHWs) are frontline health workers who are trusted members of the communities they serve. They are also known as Community Health Representatives (CHRs), *promotores de salud*, health navigators, case managers, peer support workers, family advocates, outreach workers and many similar titles.

CHWs improve the health and well-being of their fellow community members and their community overall. They work and volunteer in community and clinical settings helping people of all ages get the services, knowledge, and tools that they need to live their best lives. At a broader level, CHWs work with community members and leaders to promote a health community environment, social justice and health equity for all. The Certificate in Community Health is 10 credit hours, consisting of 6 short courses. The courses are organized into a series of hands-on workshops that meet 2 or 3 Fridays a month, for 2 semesters. The program is endorsed by the New Mexico Department of Health. Students who complete the full degree requirements are eligible to apply for state certification (C-CHW). **UNM-Taos reserves the right to make necessary changes as needed.** *Students should consult with an advisor prior to enrollment.*

Required Courses

10 credit hours

Public Health (PH) 103 Introduction to Community Health Work
 Public Health (PH) 202 Community Health Work: Frameworks, Principles and Practices for Direct Service
 Public Health (PH) 203 Health Coaching & Promotion
 Public Health (PH) 204 Health Navigation & Service Coordination
 Public Health (PH) 205 Health Education & Facilitation
 Public Health (PH) 206 Health Outreach, Assessment & Advocacy

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS REQUIRED: 10