



Healthier Communities

Michigan Community Health Worker (CHW) Training Certificate

What:

Spectrum Health Healthier Communities is partnering with the Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC) to provide the Michigan Community Health Worker Alliance (MiCHWA) standardized curriculum for the State of Michigan. Upon completion, the student will receive a certificate from MiCHWA and GRCC and will become MiCHWA-Certified. Competencies covered include:

- Advocacy and Outreach
- Community and Personal Strategies
- Legal and Ethical Responsibilities
- Teaching and Capacity-building
- Communication Skills and Cultural Competencies
- Coordination, Documentation and Reporting
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Mental Health

To obtain the certificate, all class content must be completed with an 80% passing grade for each competency. Time outside of class for homework assignments is approximately 2 hours per week. Total course hours 126 (plus 40 Internship hours if not currently employed as a CHW).

Who should attend:

New and current CHWs that have not received a certificate. Space is limited to 25 participants.

Important Dates:

Student Orientation – Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 8 a.m. to noon, Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC) Tassell M-TEC, 622 Godfrey SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, Room 124

Employer Information Session: Course Overview, Expectations and Clarifications –Thursday, January 10, 2019, 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., Spectrum Health Healthier Communities, 665 Seward Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504, Classroom 113.

CHW Course – Tuesdays, January 15, 2019 through April 16, 2019, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Total classes 14 weeks. Graduation will be held on Tuesday, April 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Classes will be held at Spectrum Health Healthier Communities, 665 Seward Avenue, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504, Classroom 210.

Questions:

If you have questions call Evie Philippi, MPA, BSN, RN Supervisor, Community Education, Spectrum Health Healthier Communities at 616.391.3227.

Registration:

Please call Lise Thomas, Spectrum Health Healthier Communities at 616.391.3310 for registration questions.

Training Pre-Requisites:

High School Diploma or GED
Good oral and written communication skills
Basic computer skills

If not currently working as a CHW or in a CHW-related role:

Interview with the instructor
Independent work in a community setting