



3000 Mission College Blvd.
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COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSIONS

• THURSDAY	February 2, 2012	12:30 PM	ROOM N2-204
• THURSDAY	April 26, 2012	1:30 PM	ROOM TAV-130

DESCRIPTION: The Community Health Worker is a member of the health care team who acts as a bridge between health care facilities and the people requiring health services.

ACTIVITIES: Community Health worker responsibilities include:

1. Helping individuals and families find and use health care services and resources.
2. Interpreting special client needs to personnel at health agencies.
3. Sharing health information and preventive health measures with clients.
4. Making home visits to observe patient progress, provide care, or give instruction.
5. Assisting clients in community clinics by explaining procedures, taking health histories, and completing vital signs.
6. Using clinical skills and knowledge to interpret and extend health services to groups in need of care.

WHERE EMPLOYED: Community Health Workers are employed at public health agencies, family planning programs, neighborhood health centers, outpatient medical clinics, home care agencies, child care centers, and in school health programs.

Graduates from the Mission College Program have been employed in agencies such as Santa Clara County Health Department in public health, nursing and family planning programs, the Santa Clara County Probation Department, the Gardner Health Clinic, the Alviso Health Foundation, the Women's Community Clinic, Child Care Centers, and local offices of voluntary health agencies. Bilingual skills are highly desirable.

PROGRAM: Mission College offers a 30-unit certificate program that is designed to prepare Community Health Workers to use effective techniques in health care advocacy, clinical skills, and health teaching. The program emphasizes both **Human Service Skills and Health Care Skills**.

- 1) Human Service Skills includes communication skills, community resources, and the psychology of human development.
- 2) The focus in Health Skills is on the prevention of health problems; health team approaches to common illnesses and chronic conditions; and the liaison role of the Community Health Worker in outpatient, school, and community settings.

The main focus of the program is to train people already employed by health care agencies to improve the quality of their work and enable

them to achieve career mobility. Certificate credits are applicable to an Associate of Science Degree in Community Health Worker.

INTERNSHIP:

Students must earn 8 units of work experience credit as a paid or volunteer health worker during their program of study. A maximum of 4 units of work experience may be completed in one semester.

ONLY COURSES COMPLETED WITH A GRADE OF "C" OR BETTER MAY BE USED TO SATISFY REQUIREMENTS FOR A CERTIFICATE.

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS		UNITS
AH 012	Emergency & Disaster Preparedness	0.5
COMHL 010	Community Health Problems	3.0
H ED 002	Health & Life Style	3.0
H ED 004	Standard First Aid	0.5
SOC 001	Introduction to Sociology	3.0
COMM 008	Interpersonal Communication	3.0
PSYCH 012	Human Growth & Development	3.0
H ED 009	Drug Abuse and Human Disease	2.0
OR		
PSYCH 030	Psychology of Addiction and Substance	3.0
**Wrkex 301-304	Cooperative Work Experience	8.0

PLUS 4 UNITS FROM THE FOLLOWING:		UNITS
AH 011	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	0.5
*AH 020D	Nursing Assistant Fundamentals	3.5
*AH 020E	Nursing Assistant Clinical	2.0
VN 056	Obstetrical Nursing	2.0
VN 057	Introduction to Gerontology	2.0
VN 058	Introduction to Child Health Care	2.0

***THESE ELECTIVE UNITS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**

****CONTACT THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR DURING YOUR FIRST SEMESTER**

**Community Health Worker for the Developmentally Disabled (CHW-DD):
Contact counselor for information.**

RESOURCE PERSONS:

Dr. Elizabeth O. Dietz, EdD, RN, CS-NP Director Health Occupations Department [408] 855-5579

Dr. Carol Beck, Counselor
(make an appointment in counseling Or call (408) 855-5030 for an appointment)

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