

The Santa Fe Community College Community Health Worker (CHW) Certification

Community Health Worker (CHW) CERTIFICATE FOR HOME VISITORS

The Santa Fe Community College Community Health Worker (CHW) Certification program is cross-walked with home visiting training. This course teaches students all basic skills to become a home visitor and to earn a CHW Certificate from the New Mexico Department of Health.

In this course, students:

- Learn foundational skills to be a successful home visitor or community health worker.
- Earn 10.5 higher education credits and receive a comprehensive home visitation training. Credits from this class nest within the requirements for an AA in Public Health at Santa Fe Community College.
- Complete all coursework in one semester with two, eight-week classes (CHW 131 and CHW 132).
- Utilize online learning to create a community of learners from across the state of New Mexico, and beyond. There is one class per week, via Zoom. Students complete all other content through an online learning platform, through a weekly discussion board, quizzes and reflection papers. This format allows students to complete the semester while working full-time.

This class:

- Is free, as long as scholarship and grant dollars are available.
- Is intended for anyone interested in learning more about home visiting – including, but not limited to, home visitors, early interventionists and people considering home visiting or early childhood as a future career.

Learning objectives:

1. Apply the role and responsibilities of the home visitor to ethics in practice, client privacy, client rights, and client observation
2. Demonstrate communication skills that are sensitive to individual age, gender, culture, condition, and family role
3. Describe coordination of services for clients and communities



4. Demonstrate interpersonal skills in building positive, effective client relationships that promote learning, growth and self-efficacy
5. Identify and describe elements of home and home visiting safety and relevant infection control practices
6. Demonstrate accurate home visit documentation and information entry into the home visiting data base
7. Apply the home visitor role to educating families on parenting opportunities and challenges in the prenatal, postpartum, infant and toddler periods
8. Demonstrate effective relationship building and coaching skills that educate, guide and empower families
9. Identify and analyze how parallel process affects participants in a relationship with regards to emotional regulation
10. Demonstrate effective communication and interventions for participants requiring support and redirection in a parallel process
11. Demonstrate time management skills needed in managing visits, documentation, ongoing training, and supervisory and team meetings
12. Analyze the Home Visitor's role in supporting family stability and capacity building through community knowledge and assessment
13. Describe other opportunities for the home visitor role and demonstrate how to be successful in starting a related career

“My take-aways from this class are the great assignments that require research. You really must think, write, erase and then re-write. It is a huge commitment, but well-worth it.”
 — student from Tucumcari, NM

Classes start in August and January

Students anywhere can enroll. All you need is access to a computer and the internet.

To learn more or enroll:

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