

Course Sequencing		
Year	Quarter	Subject
First Year	Fall	HSCI 301 (Foundations of Public Health) HSCI 302 (Epidemiology) ENGL 315 (Writing for Health Professionals)
	Winter	HSCI 303 (Healthcare Leadership) HSCI 304 (Health Policy) ICS 310 (American Diversity)
	Spring	HSCI 401 (Behavioral & Cultural Issues in Public Health) CMST 320 (Health Communication) ICS 320 (Culture and Health)
Second Year	Fall	HSCI 402 (Public Health Education) ENGL 410 (Professional & Organizational Communication) OR CMST 415 (Applied Professional Communication) 5-credit course from General Education or Major Support
	Winter	HSCI 403 (Health Systems & Healthcare Delivery) PHIL 305 (Professional Ethics) SOC 334 (Sociology of Health and Illness)
	Spring	HSCI 409 (Community Health Capstone) 10-credits from General Education or Major Support

BEFORE YOU START

Ready to get started? To begin working towards the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Community Health degree, you simply need to apply and be accepted to CBC. You can apply online at www.columbiabasin.edu.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Community Health program at Columbia Basin College are prepared to embark on diverse and impactful career paths within the health sector. This degree opens doors to roles such as Community Health Educator, Public Health Specialist, Health Program Coordinator, and Wellness Program Manager. Our graduates are equipped to work in a variety of settings, including public health agencies, non-profit organizations, healthcare facilities, and corporate wellness programs. With a strong foundation in health promotion, disease prevention, and community engagement, our alumni play a vital role in enhancing public health and fostering healthier communities.

FAQs

Class Times/Delivery Format

Some courses are offered evenings and online to accommodate varying student schedules.

Length of Program

The certificate is one year in length.

Which Quarter Can I Begin?

You can start the program in any quarter.

Job Outlook:

The demand for Community Health Workers (CHWs) is on the rise, driven by the growing focus on health education and preventive care. The median annual wage for Community Health Workers was \$48,200 in May 2023, with the top 10% earning more than \$75,980. Employment of CHWs is projected to grow 14% from 2022 to 2032, which is much faster than the average for all occupations. This growth is expected to result in about 9,400 new jobs over the decade.

Community Health Workers are integral to promoting wellness and improving access to health services, especially in underserved communities. They work in a variety of settings, including hospitals, public health departments, non-profit organizations, and private healthcare facilities. As healthcare systems continue to emphasize community-based care and health education, the role of CHWs will become even more critical in supporting public health initiatives and improving community health outcomes.

Graduates of the BAS in Community Health program at Columbia Basin College are well-positioned to take advantage of these expanding opportunities, equipped with the knowledge and skills to make a significant impact in their communities.

Quick Facts:

- **Salary Projection (2023):** \$48,200 to \$75,980
- **Entry-Level Education:** High school diploma or equivalent
- **Job Outlook (2022-32):** 14% (Much faster than average)
- **Employment Change (2022-32):** 9,400 new jobs expected

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

About the Program

CBC's Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Community Health program equips graduates with the knowledge and skills necessary for impactful careers in community health and related fields. Community health workers (CHWs) are frontline public health professionals who hold a trusted position within their communities, leveraging their deep understanding and unique connections to serve effectively.

CHWs have gained recognition from policymakers and healthcare providers due to their exceptional ability to comprehend community needs and build trust in ways that traditional healthcare professionals may not. This trust enables CHWs to address the social determinants of health, filling gaps where the healthcare system may fall short because of constraints in time, skills, cultural affinity, and community linkages.

What is a Community Health Professional?

Community health workers, while known by various job titles, typically engage in a wide range of activities, including:

- Discussing health concerns with community members.
- Providing informational counseling and social support.
- Helping individuals understand their health conditions.
- Translating or interpreting health information for clients.
- Organizing outreach programs.
- Advocating for individual and community health needs.
- Collecting data and reporting findings to healthcare providers.
- Providing health screenings, referrals, and educational materials.

Admission Requirements

Prospective students must meet one of the following criteria:

- Hold an associate degree in a healthcare, first responder, or social sciences subject area.
- Have completed a minimum of 90 credits of coursework required for the BAS in Community Health degree (a complete list of courses can be found in the college catalog).

Additionally, students must have successfully completed MATH& 146 (Intro to Statistics) and one of the following English courses: ENGL& 101, ENGL& 102, or ENGL& 235. Both courses must be completed with a minimum grade of 2.0. Interested students should meet with a Completion Coach to discuss their academic plans and ensure they meet all program requirements.

APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID OR OTHER FUNDING

Please complete:

The FAFSA application: The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) provides financial aid for U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens, such as permanent residents. Visit the [FAFSA website](#) to create your FSA ID and to complete your application.

OR

The WASFA application: The Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) is for DACA or HB 1079 undocumented students. Visit the [Washington Student Achievement Council website](#) to complete your WASFA application.

Did you know??? You can apply for CBC scholarships two times every year! Click [here](#) for more information!

PLEASE NOTE: This document represents a sample plan for degree completion with this program of study. Actual course selection and sequence may vary and should be discussed individually with your Completion Coach. Completion Coaches can also help you plan other experiences to enrich your education such as internships, research, learning communities, and campus involvement and community-based learning.

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