



# COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

## WANT TO BECOME A CERTIFIED COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER?

DHEC and the Community Health Worker Institute (CHWI) are partnering to train members of the public who want to become certified Community Health Workers (CHWs). The institute will train participants at no cost; full tuition is covered through funding provided by DHEC.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- DHEC is looking for people committed to helping communities get and stay healthy by working with local groups and community members to learn about needs and provide resources, assistance, and other support.
- Graduation from college or high school, or previous experience is not required.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Training classes may be offered in person or virtually depending on the number of people and where they live.
- Final certification requires successful completion of 160 hours of training: 80 hours of training in a classroom-type setting, and 80 hours of practice in a community setting.
- Practice hours consist of time in the community that provides supervision by professionals (a preceptor) approved by the CHWI. Practice hours may be obtained in a person's current work or volunteer setting.

## HOW TO APPLY

If you are interested in participating in this program, please [click here](#) or scan the code to apply.

Additional information about the curriculum and CHW program can be found [here](#) or scan the code.



For general questions, email [williac5@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:williac5@dhec.sc.gov) or call (803) 609-4083.

## WANT TO BE A PRECEPTOR?

A preceptor is certified to supervise community health workers in the field. This person can be a DHEC employee or someone who works with another organization.

For more information about becoming a preceptor, please email [mychelle@sc.edu](mailto:mychelle@sc.edu) or [chwinstitute@gmail.com](mailto:chwinstitute@gmail.com).