

# COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER with Emphasis on Behavioral Health ONLINE COURSE

## About the course

Students will acquire skills in outreach, patient navigation, follow-up services, community health education, behavioral health, informal counseling, social support, advocacy, and participation in clinical research.

## **CHW Bridge to Excellence**

- Scholarships available
- 160 hours towards State Certification as a Community Health Worker, plus 30 hours with an emphasis on Mental/ Behavioral Health and Substance Use.
- Program is certified by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).
- Modules will emphasize Behavioral/Mental Health

#### For More information visit: <u>https://www.westtexasahec.org/BHWET.html</u>

### Who Can Be a CHW?

- Anyone at least 18 years old
- Everyday people who want to
  - make a difference
- High School Diploma or GED
  required
- Class is limited to 30 students

#### Requirements

- Students are required to sign a letter of commitment if accepted into the course.
- Students are required to complete 20 hours per month of field placement/ practicum work (may be completed at your work location, if relevant).
- Computer literacy
- Internet Connection

#### CHW 8 Core Competencies-PLUS

- **Communication Skills**
- Interpersonal Skills
- Service Coordination Skills
- **Teaching Skills**
- Organizational Skills
- Advocacy
- Capacity-Building
- Knowledge Base
- Mental and Behavioral Health







