

# A.S. in Community Health

## DESCRIPTION OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM

The mission of the Community Health Program is to provide students with a foundation for diverse careers in health promotion, disease prevention, and health care administration. The program is designed for transfer to baccalaureate programs, especially in community and public health and other related fields.

## SKILLS

**Interpersonal skills.** Health educators, community health workers and health services administrators interact with many people from a variety of backgrounds. They must be good listeners and be culturally sensitive to respond to the needs of the people they serve.

**Problem-solving skills.** Health educators, community health workers and health services administrators must think creatively about how to improve the health of the community through health education programs and health care management programs.

**Instructional skills.** Health educators, community health workers and health care management programs should be comfortable with public speaking so that they can lead programs, teach classes, and facilitate discussion with clients, families and health care providers.

## CAREER INFORMATION

Community health workers and health educators teach people about behaviors that promote wellness.

Community health workers collect data and discuss health concerns with members of specific populations or communities.

Health services administrators or health services managers work in hospitals, clinics, physician's offices, or nursing care/rehabilitation facilities. The occupation involves planning, directing, coordinating, and supervising the delivery of healthcare, combining knowledge about business with health, administrators establish and implement policies and objectives, evaluate personnel, develop reports and budgets, and collaborate with other members of the healthcare team.

## **EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK**

Overall employment of health educators and community health workers is projected to grow 12 percent from 2021 to 2031, much faster than the average for all occupations.

## **CAREER PATH**

The median annual wage for community health workers was \$46,590 in May 2021.

The median annual wage for health education specialists was \$60,600 in May 2021.

Health educators need at least bachelor's degree. Some employers require the Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) credential. Health educators need at least a bachelor's degree in health education or health promotion.

Most programs include an internship.

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