



Community Health Workers

in Northern New York State

01. How do I become a CHW?

Educational requirements for community health workers vary by location and roles.

02. Where can I find an education program?

There are many SUNY schools and other accredited schools that provide community health worker programs. Visit this website for education programs in NYS:

<https://www.healthcareerinfo.net/community-health-workers/>

03. NYS Licensure Requirements

No license is needed to work as a community health worker in the state of New York.

What do Community Health Workers do?

Community health workers assist individuals and communities to adopt healthy behaviors and provide outreach for medical personnel or health organizations in the community.

- Provide information on available resources
- Provide social support
- Advocacy for individuals and community health needs

Where do Community Health Workers work?

Many work in health facilities, providing case management, client education, interpretive services, follow-up care, and patient navigation. Others are employed by government agencies and non-profit groups in roles providing services to the community.

Are jobs available in Northern NY?

Absolutely, yes! Between 2016 and 2026 the number of jobs will increase by 18.1% nationwide and will increase in New York by 26.1%.

How much do Community Health Workers make?

The NYS Department of Labor reports that community health workers in New York earned an average annual salary of \$45,040. (entry level-\$28,280 experienced-\$69,680).

