

# Program Overview

The mission of Central Ohio Technical College is to meet the technical education and training needs of students and employers in the area.



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## Community Health Worker Certificate

A Community Health Worker (CHW) is a frontline public health worker who serves as a liaison or intermediary between the community and health/social services. The CHW facilitates access to services and improves the quality and cultural competence of service delivery. The CHW also builds individual and community capacity by increasing health knowledge and self-sufficiency through a range of activities such as outreach, community education, informal counseling, social support and advocacy. <https://apha.org/apha-communities/member-sections/community-health-workers>

The Community Health Worker (CHW) is a valued member of the healthcare team, essential to improving the health of our communities through positive impact on the social determinants of health. These include but are not limited to education, income level, housing, public transportation, access to healthy foods and safe neighborhoods. The CHW certificate at COTC is designed to provide training approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing that will prepare the student for State certification. In addition, the certificate provides multiple opportunities for students to continue academic progression if they choose to do so.

### Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the CHW certificate, the student will be prepared to:

- Advocate for clients or patients in the community setting to resolve crises.
- Collaborate with other professionals to address the social determinants of health for community members.
- Facilitate connections between patients, clients, or families and community resources, including but not limited to medical services, social services, legal

aid, housing, job placement, education, or food sources.

- Assist community members to understand their health conditions and facilitate ways to improve health.
- Provide basic health services such as monitoring blood pressure.

### Important Student Characteristics

- Good verbal communication skills
- High integrity
- Good time management skills
- Sense of self-responsibility
- Recognition of the importance of teamwork, consideration and cooperation

### Career Opportunities

Professionals in the community health field work to promote and educate the public on health and the prevention of disease and illness. A certificate program in community health trains students to potentially work as administrators, health educators and environmental health specialists. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the job prospects for community health workers are excellent.

CHWs apply their unique understanding of the experience, language and/or culture of the populations they serve in order to carry out one or more of the following:

- Outreach worker
- Educator
- Connector
- Navigator
- Care Coordinator
- Counselor
- Organizer
- Advocate

### How do I Start?

New students can complete the **free** online application for admission at [cotc.edu/apply](http://cotc.edu/apply). Current or returning students can contact The Gateway at any of our four campus locations for your next steps.

#### The Gateway:

Newark Campus	740.366.9222 800.963.9275
Coshocton Campus	740.622.1408
Knox Campus	740.392.2526
Pataskala Campus	740.755.7090

[cotc.edu/gateway](http://cotc.edu/gateway)

COTC Admissions:

[cotcadmissions@cotc.edu](mailto:cotcadmissions@cotc.edu)

COTC Academic Advising:

[cotcadvising@cotc.edu](mailto:cotcadvising@cotc.edu)

### Accreditation/ Membership

The Community Health Worker Certificate program at Central Ohio Technical College is approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing.

Central Ohio Technical College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association.

Phone: 312.263.0456

[hlcommission.org](http://hlcommission.org)

COTC is also a member of the American Association for Higher Education, the American Association of Community Colleges, the American Council on Education, the American Technical Education Association, the Ohio Association of Two-Year Colleges and the Ohio College Association.

See reverse side for more information.

## **Non-Discrimination Statement**

Central Ohio Technical College is committed to building and maintaining a diverse community to reflect human diversity, and to improve opportunities for all. The college is committed to equal opportunity and eliminating discrimination. This commitment is both a moral imperative consistent with an intellectual community that celebrates individual differences and diversity, as well as matter of law. Central Ohio Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other basis under the law, in its activities, programs, admission and employment. General information, questions, concerns or complaints related to these matters are to be directed to the Title IX Coordinator Holly Mason, Warner Center, Suite 236, Ohio State Newark/COTC, 1179 University Drive, Newark, Ohio 43055-1797 (740.364.9578) or ADA/504 Coordinator Connie Zang at the same location.



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