



**WILLIAM JAMES
COLLEGE**

Center for Workforce
Development

Community Health Workers (CHW) Training Program



The Community Health Workers (CHW) Training Program is a year-long opportunity to explore a career in behavioral healthcare. Funded by HRSA's Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) Program for Paraprofessionals, this training opportunity is fully funded and there is no cost associated with it for participants.

Program Highlights and Benefits

- Complete a year-long (i.e., 12 months) full-time or two-year (i.e., 24 months) part-time work experience in the role of paraprofessionals at approved agencies that serve children, adolescents, and transitional-aged youth in high need and high demand areas.
- Receive personalized mentorship and career counseling through William James College.
- Attend professional development workshops at William James College.
- Take two courses as non-matriculating students, earning up to six (6) free general elective college credits that may count toward an associate or bachelor's degree (upon successful program completion).
- Enroll in the CHW certification program. Upon completion of the program, you will enter a pathway towards certification through

the Board of Certification of Community Health Workers within the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The application fee will be covered by the College.

- In addition to the paid annual salary offered by partner agencies, the program provides a \$6,000 stipend to each participant for living expenses.

Employment Partners

The full-time or part-time work placement will be with a partnering agency that works with unserved and underserved communities. A focus of this work will be on increasing knowledge and understanding of the specific concerns of children, adolescents, and transitional-aged youth in high need and high demand areas at risk for behavioral health disorders. William James College will work with the applicant and the agency to coordinate placement.

How to Apply

Please visit our website at williamjames.edu/chw to learn more and apply.

If you have questions, please email workforce@williamjames.edu

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Applicants must be 18 years of age or older.
- Applicants need to have a high school diploma or GED, or an associate's degree, or be currently enrolled in college but have not completed their bachelor's degree.
- Applicants must be legally authorized to work in the U.S. and need to pass a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check.