COMMUNITY HEALTH AREA OF CONCENTRATION, ARTS AND SCIENCES AA

Total Credits: 61
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Program Description
Professionals in this fast-growing field are employed by public and private health care organizations, government agencies, hospital wellness centers, corporate-based worksite health programs, college and university health service centers, insurance companies, private health promotion corporations, drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs, family planning agencies, and health clinics, and as education representatives for textbook publishers and pharmaceutical companies. Job titles include patient educators, health program managers, health education teachers, community health organizers, health promotion directors, and wellness coordinators. For enhanced experience, students who successfully complete course work and a 45-hour practicum field experience will earn a Community Health Worker (CHW) certification.

Program Outcomes
Upon completion of this program, a student will be able to:

- Describe biological, psychological, environmental, and social factors that influence health.
- Explain the impact of individual behavior on health status.
- Define health education and list the skills/competencies of the entry level health educator.
- Develop a health education intervention based on the assessment of controllable and noncontrollable risk factors that impact health.
- Participate in a 45-hour practicum experience to earn a Community Health Worker certification.

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For more information, please visit https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/programs/health-enhancement-exercise-science-and-physical-education/community-health-aa-degree.html

To view the Advising Worksheet, please visit https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/_documents/counseling-and-advising/advising-worksheets/current-catalog/186a.pdf
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Suggested Course Sequence
A suggested course sequence for full-time students follows. All students should review this advising guide and consult an advisor.

First Semester
ENGL 101 - Introduction to College Writing 3 semester hours *

Mathematics Foundation 3 semester hours (MATF) †
COMM 108 - Foundations of Human Communication 3 semester hours (GEIR)

OR
COMM 112 - Business and Professional Speech Communication 3 semester hours (GEIR)
HLTH 105 - Personal and Community Health 3 semester hours (GEIR)
SOCY 100 - Introduction to Sociology 3 semester hours (BSSD)

Third Semester
BIOL 212 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I 4 semester hours (NSLD)
HLTH 225 - Introduction to Health Behaviors 3 semester hours

Arts Distribution 3 semester hours (ARTD)

Program Electives 6 semester hours ‡

Second Semester

English Foundation 3 semester hours (ENGF)

BIOL 150 - Principles of Biology I 4 semester hours (NSLD)
HLTH 160 - The Science and Theory of Health 3 semester hours
PSYC 100 - General Psychology 3 semester hours (BSSD)

Program Elective 3 semester hours ‡

Fourth Semester
BIOL 213 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II 4 semester hours

Humanities Distribution 3 semester hours (HUMD)

Program Elective 200 Level 3 semester hours ‡
HLTH 298 - Global Health Capstone 3 semester hours
HLTH 297 - Community Health Worker (CHW) Practicum 1 semester hour

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* ENGL 101/ENGL 101A, if needed for ENGL 102/ENGL 103, or elective.
† Choose math according to transfer school.
‡ Consult with departmental advisor before selecting program electives. Select from the following program electives: HLTH 121, HLTH 125, HLTH 131, HLTH 150, HLTH 170, HLTH 200, HLTH 212, HLTH 215 and HLTH 220. At least three program elective credits must be at the 200-level.

AA and AS programs require one global and cultural perspectives (GCP) General Education course.
Transfer Opportunities
Montgomery College has partnerships with multiple four-year institutions and the tools to help you transfer. To learn more, please visit https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/transfer or http://artsys.usmd.edu.

Get Involved at MC!
Employers and Transfer Institutions are looking for experience outside the classroom.

MC Student Clubs and Organizations: https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/life-at-mc/student-life/

Related Careers
Some require a Bachelor’s degree. Health Educator, Healthcare Analyst, Community Health Worker.

Career Services
Montgomery College offers a range of services to students and alumni to support the career planning process. To learn more, please visit https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/career

Career Coach
A valuable online search tool that will give you the opportunity to explore hundreds of potential careers or job possibilities in Maryland and the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. Get started today on your road to a new future and give it a try. For more information, please visit https://montgomerycollege.emsicc.com

Notes:
For more information, please visit https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/programs/health-enhancement-exercise-science-and-physical-education/community-health-aa-degree.html