

Community Health Worker Training Program Scholarship Opportunity

Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) is excited to announce a new scholarship opportunity. Current and former PHC members who apply and are accepted in the upcoming Sacramento City College (SCC) community health worker (CHW) training program may be eligible for up to a \$1,000 scholarship to be applied to tuition and direct educational expenses (e.g. application fees and books).



Beginning February 15, 2022, SCC will be accepting applications for a cohort of CHW students to begin in August 2022. Interested SCC applicants will need to complete the CHW online application by April 30, 2022. Those interested in applying for PHC's CHW scholarship will also need to complete PHC's application by April 30, 2022.

PHC believes our current or former members who have an excellent understanding of the community in which they live could make an ideal CHW. A CHW can act as a liaison between health, social services, and the community to facilitate access to services and improve the quality, health equity, and cultural competence of service delivery. In 2019, the California Future Health Workforce Commission (report linked here) identified the CHW role as one of the 10 priorities to invest in over a 10-year period to help close California's health care workforce gaps.

Please note, that the SCC CHW training program includes both virtual and an in-person practicum to take place. All interested applicants residing within the <u>counties</u> PHC serves are eligible to participate, however, PHC members residing in Del Norte, Modoc, and Trinity are encouraged to apply for this cohort in order to allow for travel to practicum sites in those counties. Organizations within PHC counties that are interested in learning more about the process to become a practicum site can view a webinar that outlines steps with the SCC's CHW program <u>here</u>.

In addition, applicants may reach out to their local workforce boards to verify whether eligibility for benefits may exist. Del Norte and Trinity county resident applicants interested in reaching out may contact SMART Workforce Center here, and Modoc County resident applicants may contact The Alliance for Workforce Development here.

If you have additional questions on the Sacramento City College CHW opportunity, please visit their CHW webpage by clicking here or emailing the program directly at SCC- Healthoccupations@scc.losrios.edu.

Applicants interested in the PHC scholarship opportunity may reach out with questions by emailing phcscholarships@partnershiphp.org.

