

Health Programs

Community Mental Health Worker

- **26 Week Certificate Program**
- **Offered at the Nanaimo campus**
- **Program Fees**
- **Apply for Admission**

The Program

The Community Mental Health Worker Program will define entry level competencies for employment in the field of community mental health. It is based on the principles of psychosocial rehabilitation.

Career Opportunities

This certificate is recognized as a qualification for employment for mental health worker positions within the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA). VIHA has recently indicated an increasing demand for qualified mental health workers across the Island with many positions anticipated in the central Vancouver Island region.

As part of a multi-disciplinary team providing client-focused treatment and rehabilitation, Community Mental Health Workers can choose to work in a variety of institutional, residential and community settings.

Admission Requirements

- General admission requirements apply.
- English 12, with minimum "C" grade, or equivalent.

Notes on Admission

- *Proof of successful completion of the following must be received well in advance of the practicum experience.*
 - Non-Violent Crisis Intervention (HHNC 001) or recently completed equivalent course
 - Current Standard First Aid with Level "C" CPR.
 - Immunizations (Hepatitis B, MMR, Flu vaccines, Negative TB screen)
 - Foodsafe Certificate.
- Criminal Record Check: Practicums will require a satisfactory criminal record check prior to placement. Criminal Record Checks are requested through VIU. The Registration Centre at VIU will contact prospective students by mail regarding the requirements for a Criminal Record Check. Criminal Record Checks are processed through the Ministry according to the Criminal Records Review Act. A check completed through the RCMP is not sufficient to meet the requirements of the Act.
- It is highly recommended that applicants complete OSME 002 - (Medical Terminology and Anatomy & Physiology) or an equivalent course.
- Students without computer literacy should take CMCM 001 - (Introduction to Computers) or an equivalent course.

- Applicants with previous experience in health care area preferred (but not required).
- Enrolment in this program is limited. Students who meet or exceed the minimum admission requirements may not necessarily be admitted to the program.

Note: To view current course offerings and register check the Continuing Education web page.

Start Date and Application Deadline

For further information check the Program Availability List.

Special Expenses

Students will be required to pay for travel expenses to practicum agencies. There are charges for printed materials.

All fees are subject to change without prior notice

Graduation Requirements

- Students must successfully complete all seven courses and the practicum in the program.
- Students are required to attend all scheduled lectures, observations, examinations and practicum hours. If you do not meet the attendance requirements, you will not qualify to receive the program certificate.

Program Outline

Semester 1		Credits
CMHW 110 - (Community Mental Health Worker I)		3
CMHW 111 - (Community Mental Health Worker II)		3
CMHW 115 - (Building Therapeutic Relationships)		3
CMHW 120 - (Support Strategies)		3
Total Semester Credits		12
Semester 2		Credits
CMHW 125 - (Professional Issues)		2
CMHW 130 - (Health Care Basics)		3
CMHW 135 - (Addictions and Mental Health Issues)		3
CMHW 140 - (Practicum)		5
Total Semester Credits		13
Total Credits		25

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