

Community Health Worker Professional Portfolio

A professional portfolio is a collection of work samples that document who you are, your professional practice, and your various skills. It provides a way to reflect and share your life, work, and leadership experiences and accomplishments. Please assemble and submit the following items in a binder or folder.

A Personal Statement (no less than two paragraphs, no more than two pages for each bullet point)

- Who are you? What community(ies) do you belong to? What is your definition of a Community Health Worker? What qualities and experiences do you bring to your role as a Community Health Worker?
- Tell us about your experience working in diverse communities, i.e. communities that include people from different classes, genders, sexual orientations, race/ethnicities, abilities, nationalities, etc. Share your experience working on a multi-disciplinary team, and/or collaborating with other agencies. What strategies have you used to work effectively as a Community Health Worker in those settings?

Work, Training, and Leadership Experiences

Please select **3** of the following items to include in your professional portfolio. All samples should **directly** align to one or more of the following core CHWs competencies:

- *Access to Care*
 - Fact sheets and/or other compiled research on up to date information about health care reform and access
- *Disease Processes*
 - Certificates related to educating on chronic disease management, e.g., Living Well with Chronic Conditions
- *Assessing & Community Needs*
 - Evidence of involvement in community needs assessment including agendas, meeting minutes, plans, or reports
- *Community Organizing, Political Advocacy, & Civic Engagement*
 - List of activities, your role, and organizational affiliation
 - Copies of public testimonies, media coverage (article, videos), photos
- *Addiction & Recovery*
 - Certificates related to recovery from addiction, e.g., Peer Support Specialist
- *Mental Health Promotion*
 - Certificates or training on mental health, e.g., Mental Health First Aid
- *Nutrition & Exercise*
 - Certificates or training in education about nutrition and/or physical activity
- *Outreach Skills*
 - Evidence of prior outreach experiences including a flyer you designed and/or plans you created to support outreach work
- *Popular Education*
 - Examples of lesson plans and/or meeting agendas you developed
 - Art work of any kind that demonstrates your understanding of topics listed above and/or the role of CHWs

Supplemental Materials

- Academic transcripts (from within or outside the U.S.)
- Resume
- One letter of recommendation from someone who is familiar with your work as a Community Health Worker

Portfolio samples will be assessed using the following ratings: Included, Not Included, Does Not Meet Criteria.