



COMMUNITY HEALTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

The Community Health Apprenticeship Program is a hands-on training and certification program for young people from communities most affected by HIV to start their career as a community health worker in the HIV field, providing education, testing, prevention and care.

Cohorts occur roughly every three months. People interested in applying are encouraged to contact us at any time, and we will keep your information and contact you during the next recruitment. Participants will be expected to commit around 20 hours a week, Monday to Thursday from 12-4:30 PM, and some optional weekend and evening hours.

Our 6-week training will explore:

- HIV and STI 101 and HIV testing techniques
- Counseling strategies around HIV testing and referrals
- Social determinants of health, or how one's communities and identities affect their access to healthcare
- Working with the diverse communities affected by HIV
- Advocacy for clients, services and policy
- How to outreach in communities and to individuals

Those who participate in the program will be offered:

- Monthly Venra passes and a weekly stipend of \$100
- An HIV Counseling, Testing and Referral Certification from the Chicago Department of Public Health
- One-on-one support in weekly meetings with the program supervisors
- Career services to help find a job in the fields of HIV and community health
- Ongoing support provided for six months post-employment

Eligibility:

- Ages 18-34
- Latinx and/or Black
- Gay, Bisexual, Lesbian, Transgender and/or Gender Nonconforming identified
- High School Diploma or GED
- Interested in starting a career in HIV and community health

If you're interested in joining the program, have questions, or would like to refer someone to the program, contact:

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