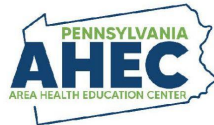


# Community Health Worker Training Program

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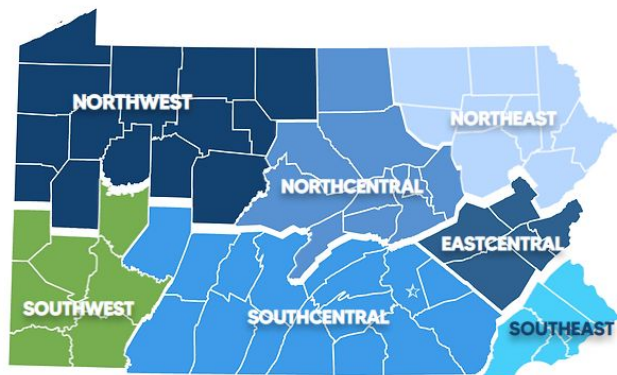


*Required for Pennsylvania  
CHW Certification*



## Regional AHEC Centers

Seven regional AHEC Centers provide “boots on the ground” across Pennsylvania. The centers work closely with regional partners, implement the programs and services provided by Pennsylvania AHEC, and understand the needs and culture of the counties and communities in their area.



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### EASTCENTRAL PA AHEC

BERKS  
CARBON  
LEHIGH  
NORTHHAMPTON  
SCHUYKLL

### NORTHCENTRAL PA AHEC

CENTRE  
CLINTON  
COLUMBIA  
LYCOMING  
MIFFLIN  
MONTOUR  
NOTHUMBERLAND  
SNYDER  
TIOGA  
UNION

### NORTHEAST PA AHEC

BRADFORD  
LACKAWANA  
LUZERNE  
MONROE  
PIKE  
SULLIVAN  
SUSQUEHANNA  
WAYNE  
WYOMING

### NORTHWEST PA AHEC

BUTLER  
CAMERON  
CLARION  
CLEARFIELD  
CRAWFORD  
ELK  
ERIE  
FOREST  
JEFFERSON  
LAWRENCE  
MCKEAN  
MERCER  
POTTER  
VENANGO  
WARREN

### SOUTHCENTRAL PA AHEC

ADAMS  
BEDFORD  
BLAIR  
CAMBRIA  
CUMBERLAND  
DAUPHIN  
FRANKLIN  
FULTON  
HUNTINGDON  
INDIANA  
JUNIATA  
LANCASTER  
LABANON  
PERRY  
SOMERSET  
YORK

### SOUTHEAST PA AHEC

BUCKS  
CHESTER  
DELAWARE  
MONTGOMERY  
PHILADELPHIA

### SOUTHWEST PA AHEC

ALLEGHENY  
ARMSTRONG  
BEAVER  
FAYETTE  
GREENE  
WASHINGTON  
WESTMORELAND

# PA Certification Board

## CHW Domains

- Community Health Concepts
  - Advocacy & Capacity Building
  - Care Coordination
  - Health Literacy & Education
  - Safety & Self-Care
  - Cultural Competency
  - Communication & Interpersonal Skill
  - Ethical Responsibilities & Professionalism
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# PA AHEC CHW Curriculum Overview

## Navigating Relationships



Communication & Conflict

Building & Maintaining Relationships

Networking

Boundaries

Personal Safety

## Community Health Skills & Concepts



Cultural Importance

Stages of Change

Motivational Interviewing

Care Coordination

Health Literacy

Protecting Client Privacy

Documentation

Benefits 101

Knowing Your Community

Resources

## Whole Person Care



Preventive Care

Unintentional Injuries

Chronic Diseases

Oral Health

Trauma-Informed Care

Mental Health & Disorders

Substance Use Disorder

Harm Reduction

Self Care

# Additional Trainings (vary by region/need)

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- Mental Health First Aid
- Every Smoker, Every Time
- CPR/First Aid/AED
- Community Health Topics
- Certification Process Assistance
- Mandated Reporter





# Schedule and Format

Trainings are a total of 100 hours over a period of 10 weeks

Northwest	Southwest
Tuesdays 9am-3pm	Mondays and Fridays 9am-1pm
Virtual	Virtual

# Registration

- To register for an upcoming cohort, please go to <https://www.pachw.org/chwcourse>
- Tuition is \$1,500
  - Scholarships are available



The screenshot displays the AHEC Pennsylvania Area Health Education Center website. The header includes the AHEC logo, navigation links for 'Recruit | Train | Retain', and menu items for 'Education & Training', 'Sustainability', 'Community', 'About', and 'Contact'. A user profile icon and 'Log In/Sign Up' link are also present.

## Upcoming AHEC CHW Training Courses

Courses are offered statewide and are organized geographically into [seven regions](#). Some classes are held virtually and some are in-person, please check each class offered for course delivery and format. Browse the upcoming classes below or use the dropdown to select your city and identify your region then scroll to see if classes are being held near you.

Click here to select your city and find your region

**Step 1: Apply** = Contacts the specific region holding the course and begins the registration process  
**Step 2: Register** = Complete the blue CHW Training Registration Form received via email

	<b>Southwest   PA CHW Course (SW11)</b> Available Online Classes begin January 15, 2024	Started Jan 15	<a href="#">View Course</a>
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# PA CHW Certification Requirements

## Education/Training

75 total hours of education from a PCB accredited CHW training program gained with the last five years.

## Work Experience

One year of full-time volunteer or paid employment (or 2000 hours of part-time) as a CHW.

## Current Job Description

Copy of current CHW volunteer/job description, obtained from current organization, and which must be signed by both the applicant and their immediate supervisor.

## On-the-job Supervision

60 hours of on-the-job supervision of qualifying work experience specific to the domains\*.

## Certification Fee

\$50 (fee must accompany application and materials)



# Recertification

## Timeline



CCHW credentials are valid for 2 calendar years from the date of issuance

## Continuing Education



CCHWs must have a minimum of 30 hours relevant to community health including 3 hours of ethics

## Fees



\$75

\*Additional \$100 if your certificate has lapsed