



Healthy Rural Oregon: Building a Workforce for Community Health

About Healthy Rural Oregon

Healthy Rural Oregon (HRO) is a partnership between the Oregon Office of Rural Health, the Oregon Coalition of Local Health Officials and dozens of local organizations to increase the number of Community Health Workers (CHWs) and Community Paramedics (CPs) serving rural Oregonians. This network recruits, trains, supports, and employs participants in these and other valuable programs, with the aim of developing a home-grown public health workforce in underserved areas of the state.

Through funds provided by HRSA's Rural Public Health Workforce Training Network Grant, HRO provides financial support to trainees for tuition, as well as other expenses that may pose a barrier to academic program completion. HRO also provides assistance with identifying and enrolling in programs, and building and maintaining connections with peers and potential employers.

Eligibility

HRO is seeking individuals who are passionate about serving their communities in rural Oregon. To qualify for financial support, students must agree to complete a CHW program and CHW certification through the state of Oregon (if they have not already), and plan to work in rural Oregon or with an organization that serves rural Oregonians as a CHW or in a related public health or healthcare role.

The parameters concerning the area/city where you live are very strict and only apply to students living in Redmond, Prineville, Madras, and Warm Springs.

To see if you qualify, please enter your home address at the following search engine:

<https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/rural-health>

Available Programs

Program offerings vary based on time of year, training location, and demand; CHW, Medical Assistant, Healthcare Interpreter, and Peer Support Specialist courses are usually available, in addition to various opportunities to earn CEUs and expand the foundational CHW skill set.

To learn more about available and upcoming training opportunities, please complete the form found here: <https://tinyurl.com/hrointerest>.

For more information, Contact healthcareers@cocc.edu