



NORTHWEST PORTLAND AREA  
INDIAN HEALTH BOARD



# COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

## WHAT IS A CHR?

The Community Health Representative (CHR) Program is a unique concept for providing health care, health promotion, and disease prevention services. CHRs have demonstrated how they assist and connect with the community, and their work has become essential to the spectrum of Tribal community-oriented primary health care services. CHRs are great advocates, in part, because they come from the communities they serve and have tribal cultural competence. Their dedicated work has assisted many to meet their healthcare needs. The health promotion and disease prevention efforts that CHRs provide have also helped people from the community improve and maintain their health. By providing health education and reducing hospital readmissions, CHRs have contributed to lowering mortality rates. The demand for CHRs continues to grow.

## NOW RECRUITING FOR JANUARY 2024 COHORT!

Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board is offering CHR training through Idaho State University!

Core course training offers culturally specific curriculum designed for Indigenous students. Recruiting anyone interested in becoming a CHR or taking on a medical entry level position!

Students taking only the Core Course will be eligible for around \$1,000  
Students who continue onto Advanced Course will receive an additional \$3,000

Northwest students will receive priority enrollment

## BENEFITS

### 1. Career Advancement Opportunity

Keeping indigenous talent in your communities and Tribal Health Organization rather than having them be drawn out of the community.

### 2. Increased Educational Opportunity

Advance your knowledge as a CHR and use this opportunity to step into becoming apart of any discipline in the Community Health Aid Program!

### 3. CHR Educational Pathway

CHR is a great place to recruit for Community Health Aides/Behavioral Health Aides/Dental Health Aides. CHR Program supports entire health system.

CHR



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## AT A GLANCE THE COURSE

Start date 01/11/24

- Online at your own pace
- 12 hrs online class sessions + 36 hrs of homework = 48 hrs total
- 8 live zoom sessions  
**-Thursdays 3pm-4:30pm PST**
- Course will be completed over 8 weeks



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## MEET YOUR INSTRUCTOR

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