

**Assignment 01**

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**Statement:**

**Please chose a non-computing Profession of public benefit with a larger membership and define it as a formal profession in terms of**

1. **Title and service it provides for the benefit of the society**
2. **Knowledge and skill set required, education, hands on practice etc.**
3. **Autonomy, memberships, professional bodies, etc.**
4. **Propose a Codes of Conduct for professional practice and conduct**

I propose the profession of "Community Health Worker" as a non-computing profession of public benefit with a larger membership.

**Title and Service:**

Community Health Workers (CHWs) are frontline public health workers who serve as a bridge between health and social services and the community. They provide a range of services including health education, health promotion, disease prevention, and basic health services such as blood pressure monitoring and medication management. Community Health Workers work in a variety of settings such as clinics, hospitals, community-based organizations, and government agencies, and they serve diverse populations, including low-income communities, rural communities, and communities of color.

**Knowledge and Skill Set:**

Community Health Workers require a range of knowledge and skills to effectively serve their communities. They should have a strong understanding of public health principles, healthcare systems, and the social determinants of health. They should also possess strong communication and interpersonal skills to effectively engage with community members and build trust. Community Health Workers may receive training through certificate programs or associate degree programs, which cover topics such as health education, community outreach, and patient advocacy. In addition, hands-on practice in community-based settings is crucial for Community Health Workers to develop their skills.

**Autonomy, Memberships, and Professional Bodies:**

Community Health Workers often work under the supervision of healthcare providers, but they also have a level of autonomy in their work. They are typically employed by community-based organizations, government agencies, or healthcare systems. Community Health Workers may be certified by state or national organizations, such as the National Association of Community Health Workers, which can provide them with additional training and professional development opportunities. Community Health Workers may also be members of professional associations or unions, which can advocate for their rights and interests.

**Code of Conduct:**

The following are proposed Codes of Conduct for Community Health Workers:

1. Uphold the values of public health, including equity, respect, and social justice.
2. Maintain the confidentiality and privacy of all community members served.
3. Provide accurate and culturally appropriate health education and information to community members.
4. Advocate for the health and well-being of community members.
5. Foster collaborative relationships with healthcare providers, community organizations, and other stakeholders.
6. Maintain professional boundaries and avoid engaging in relationships that could compromise objectivity or trust.
7. Adhere to all laws and regulations governing their practice.
8. Continuously engage in professional development and seek opportunities to enhance their knowledge and skills.
9. Report any ethical violations or concerns to appropriate authorities.