

Courses are taught online using the Angel course management system. Students complete reading and written assignments, participate in discussion boards and work with teams made up of other fellows.

Faculty

Program faculty are nationally recognized leaders in community health.

Margaret Flinter, RN, CRNP -

The Community Health Care System
Donna Torrisi, RN, CRNP - Health
Center Management and Leadership

Michael Schnake, CPA - Finance and
Reimbursement for Community
Health Centers

Marilyn Kettering Murray, MN, PhD,
RN- Human Resource Management

Karla Finnell, JD, MPH - Planning and
Outcomes Analysis

Debra McGrath, RN, MSN, CRNP -
Clinic Based Information Systems.

"I didn't know 'what I didn't know' in several of the areas presented in the module on the CHC system, after working in an FQHC for over 10 years!"

- Yvonne Buhlinger,

Vice President of Community Affairs, Missouri

How to Apply

Download and complete the application at
<http://www.chcexecfellow.com/>.

Applicants also provide a personal statement, along with an updated resume and a letter of recommendation.

"The course on Human Resources Management would be especially beneficial to individuals who are new to management and employee supervision, and a good refresher course for those with HR and management experience."

- James Spinner,

Business Affairs Manager, Illinois

First graduating fellowship class, 2006-2007.



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designed to develop new
leaders for CHCs

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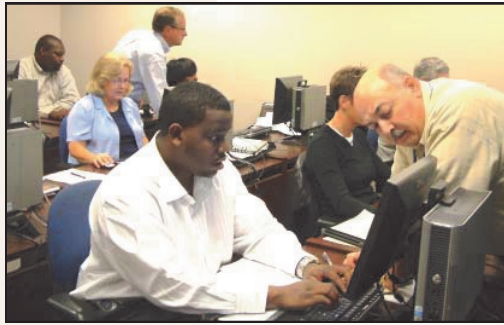
In collaboration with
Greater Midwest Association
of Primary Health Care



Pictured above: The 2007-08 Fellowship class

Developing Leaders: About the Program

The Community Health Center Executive Fellowship is an 11-month long program designed to prepare individuals for management positions in community health centers, including executive director and senior management positions. Using online interactive technology, students in the program expand their knowledge and develop the professional skills necessary to respond to the dynamic challenges that exist in the community health environment. The program is offered by the University of Kansas Medical Center through its Department of Health Policy and Management (HP&M). It was developed in collaboration with the Greater Midwest Association of Primary Health Care (GMAPHC) and the Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved (KAMU) to address the need for succession planning at community health centers in the region. The program was originally designed for individuals who work in a state associated with GMAPHC: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, and Wisconsin (Bureau of Primary Health Care regions five and seven.) However, in 2010, the program was expanded to include all states and territories in the United States.



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The Curriculum

The fellowship program consists of six modules that cover the spectrum of community health center management:

- The Community Health Care System
- Health Center Management and Leadership
- Finance and Reimbursement for Community Health Centers
- Human Resource Management
- Planning and Outcomes Analysis
- Clinic-based Information Systems

Program Basics

This fellowship program provides education and skill development in key areas of management competency and executive leadership. In addition to assisting existing health centers with succession planning, the fellowship provides management development for new centers.

Schedule: The program is 11 months long, with offerings starting in January, April, July, and October each year. It consists of:

- Kick-off conference in the Kansas City area.
- Capstone conference in Washington, D.C. presented by the George Washington University Medical Center, Geiger Gibson Program in Community Health Policy.
- Six online learning modules. Each module is five weeks long, with a two-week break between modules.
- Participants spend on average of six hours a week on the course

Cost: \$4,500 tuition per student, plus the cost of text books and travel costs to the kick-off and capstone sessions.

Who Attends: Although it is not required, it is highly recommended that students have a Bachelor's degree level of education. Most program participants are employed by a community health center, primary care safety net clinic or primary care association. Enrollment is capped at 25.

"Mike Schnake did an excellent job with the Financial Management module.... My only suggestion is that this module should be longer."

*- Tori Squires,
Community Development Director, Iowa*

Certification: In addition to expanded skills and knowledge, students receive a Community Health Center Executive Fellows certificate. 70 hours of CEU's are available for nurses and physicians.