The Metropolitan Health Academy (MHA) is a new program for the first two years of college starting in Fall 2008 that can be completed at either City College of San Francisco (CCSF) or San Francisco State University (SFSU).

In MHA, students will become strong advocates for community health and social justice through learning to write effectively, speak powerfully, and think critically about public health concerns.

MHA is for you if you want to learn more about issues like these:

- Why are hazardous-waste and other polluting facilities concentrated in low-income communities of color?
- The US is the richest country in the world and spends more money on health care than any other industrialized nation, so why are we sicker and do we die younger than people in 29 other countries?

On completion of MHA, students, having met all transfer requirements, are guaranteed admission into San Francisco State University’s Community Health Education major as a junior.

Students take classes together with other students in a community of learners designed to provide extra support so no one has to “go it alone.”

Students complete their general education requirements (such as English and Math) with classes that use interesting, real-life community health challenges as examples.

Advising helps you stay on track with the right courses to get your degree quickly.

If you complete MHA at City College you are eligible for an Associate’s Degree and are eligible to apply for admission to any CSU.

Attend the METROPOLITAN HEALTH ACADEMY (Can be completed in two years!)

Enter the HEALTH EDUCATION MAJOR at SFSU as a junior

Graduate with a Bachelor’s Degree

Work in the Public Health Field or Attend Graduate School

Highlights of the Metropolitan Health Academy (MHA):
EARN A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION:
Completing the Metropolitan Health Academy at either San Francisco State University (SFSU) or City College of San Francisco (CCSF) will prepare you to enter directly into the Community Health Education major at San Francisco State University in your junior year.

What can I do with a Bachelor’s degree in Community Health Education?

- Work in a variety of settings such as: public health departments (starting salaries range from $46,200 to $59,300 per year), community non-profit organizations (starting salaries range from $33,000 to $55,000), as well as at schools, and hospitals or HMOs
- Help individuals and communities live healthier lives
- Organize and mobilize communities for action and social change
- Provide health education and outreach to diverse people and communities
- Conduct research, work on social health campaigns, and advocate for health-related issues
- Attend graduate school for a Master’s in Public Health or other degrees

PROGRAM APPLICANTS:
MHA is for anyone who is:

1. Interested in community health and social justice
2. Able to begin the program in Fall of 2008
3. Available Tuesdays and Thursdays to attend classes
4. Able to dedicate time to school - approximately 9 to 15 hrs/week for classes (9 to 15 semester units or 3 to 5 classes per semester) and meet eligibility requirements. See links below for more details

APPLICATION INFORMATION:
See contact information below.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:
SFSU applicants: We will be accepting MHA applications on an ongoing basis (Rolling Admissions) through May 1, 2008. Space is limited; applying early is recommended. To attend MHA, you must also be admitted to SFSU (separate application: http://www.sfsu.edu/prospect/fresh.htm).

CCSF applicants who complete their MHA application by May 1, 2008 will have priority admission.

To get an application, find out if you meet the eligibility requirements, or to learn more contact:

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