



CHIS Accelerated Learning Plan

Earn a health specialization certificate in about a month through free, online, self-paced classes from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine.

What is CHIS?

CHIS is an acronym for [Consumer Health Information Specialization](#), a program by the Medical Library Association (MLA). The CHIS program offers training in providing health information services to consumers, and recognition for the accomplishment of acquiring new health information skills. NNLM provides free, online training in support of CHIS, and can sponsor your CHIS application or renewal fee, making this specialization completely free to you. Once you've completed 12 credits of training per guidelines below, simply [fill out this form to get your CHIS application fee sponsored by NNLM](#). Any library staff member or library student in the U.S. interested in providing health information to the public is eligible for sponsorship.

Why Get a CHIS?

Librarians know the life-saving and life-enhancing value of accurate evidence-based health information. By earning CHIS, you acquire skills and knowledge needed to become a confident, expert provider of health information to your community. Your CHIS shows employers, colleagues, and the public you serve that you are committed to offering quality consumer health information services and to staying current with developments in consumer health information resources, technologies, and services.

How to Earn CHIS credits

Level 1

In order to earn CHIS you will need to complete 12 hours of approved continuing education, and those 12 CE must cover CHIS core competencies 1-5

1. Know the Community
2. Know the Health Consumer
3. Knowledge of Subject Matter and Existing Resources
4. Health Information Evaluation
5. Communication and Instruction

Level 2

To earn level 2 CHIS you need to complete 12 hours of approved continuing education, and those 12 CE must cover core competencies 6-8, and must be classes you did not take to earn Level 1 CHIS.



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6. Literacy and Health Literacy
7. Technology and Health
8. Ethical and Legal Issues

You can see [a grid of classes](#) and their competencies, and levels on the MLA website.

Accelerated Learning Plan

You Need 12 credits to get a CHIS certificate.

To get CHIS in one month follow this suggested plan.

- First, create an nnlm.gov account and register for NNLM classes.
 - Step by Step Directions (pdf):
http://lor.nnlm.gov/op/op.Download_Share.php?documentid=611
- Once you have finished a class, claim CE on Medlib-ed.org.
 - Step by Step Directions (pdf):
http://lor.nnlm.gov/op/op.Download_Share.php?documentid=921
- Track your progress on this grid
 - Grid of all CHIS classes (docx):
<https://www.mlanet.org/d/do/17218>
- When you have taken all 12 credits, request NNLM sponsorship of the CHIS application fee.
 - <https://nnlm.gov/gmr/funding/chis-sponsorship>

Level 1 Path

Take an asynchronous, self-paced, 4 week online class

- [Beyond an Apple a Day](#) (Apr 1-29) = 4 credits

AND/OR

- [Beyond the Binary](#) (Apr 17-May 15 – registration opens April 1) = 4 credits

Take these on-demand, online classes:

- [Introduction to Health Reference : Ethics and Best Practices on demand](#) = 4 credits
- [MedlinePlus for Public Librarians on demand](#) = 1 credit
- [PubMed Essentials 2020 on demand](#) = 1 credit
- [Serving Diverse Communities on demand](#) = 3 credits, can be taken independently
 1. [Accessing Health Information in Multiple Languages](#)
 2. [Building Cultural Competence and Humility into the Workplace](#)
 3. [Finding Data on Health Disparities](#)



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Register for a live webinar (session will be recorded), Apr 7, 2020 3-4PM ET

- [Activate, Collaborate, and Educate: Health Outreach and Programming in Your Community](#) = 1 credit

Watch the March 24, 2020 [Caring for the Mind](#) recording, = 1 Credit

- If you take Beyond the Binary, watch this webinar to cover CHIS Competency 4

= 14 credits

Level 2/Renewal Path

Take an asynchronous, self-paced, 4 week online class

- [Beyond an Apple a Day](#) (Apr 1-29) = 4 credits

AND/OR

- [Beyond the Binary](#) (Apr 17-May 15 – registration opens April 1) = 4 credits

Take these on-demand, online classes

- [Getting the Right Information to Patients Using MedlinePlus Connect on demand](#) = 1 credit
- [Introduction to Health Reference : Ethics and Best Practices on demand](#) = 4 credits
- [PubMed Essentials 2020 on demand](#) = 1 credit

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