



CHIS Learning Plan

Interim Guidance August 2021

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

What is CHIS?

CHIS stand for [Consumer Health Information Specialization](#), a program by the Medical Library Association (MLA). CHIS is recognition for the accomplishment of acquiring new health information skills through training about providing health information services to consumers.

NNLM provides free, online training in support of CHIS.

Why Get a CHIS?

Library workers know the value of accurate information. Enhance and expand your skills with evidence-based knowledge and resources that will make you a confident, expert provider of health information to your community. CHIS shows employers, colleagues, and the public that you are committed to offering quality consumer health information services, and to staying current with consumer health information resources, technologies, and services.
















How to Earn CHIS credits

1. Create an nnlm.gov account to register for upcoming classes, or watch a recording on YouTube.
2. Email nto@utah.edu for evaluation and CE code for recordings. We respond within 3 business days.
3. Redeem your CE credit on medlib-ed.org
4. Collect 12 hours of credit to earn a CHIS certificate

Level 1	Level 2
12 hours of approved continuing education, must cover CHIS core competencies 1-5	12 additional hours of continuing education, cannot be classes you took to earn Level 1, must cover competencies 6-8
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Literacy and Health Literacy 7. Technology and Health 8. Ethical and Legal Issues

NNLM CHIS Grid

The table below lists all available NNLM CHIS classes and their format. The CE expiration date is noted in parentheses. Gray shaded boxes in the grid indicate the class meets the competency.

Key	Course Title/Link	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
 - Live Webinar  - YouTube recording – email us for evaluation & CE code  - On-demand, self-paced, online class									
	Activate, Collaborate and Educate: Health Outreach and Programming in Your Community Feb 23, 2021 (CE expires Nov 10, 2021) = 1 credit								
	Caring for the Mind: Providing Mental Health Information at Your Library March 16, 2021 (CE expires Sep 30, 2021) = 1 credit								
	ClinicalTrials.gov for Librarians Sep 30 2021 = 1 credit Register for Sep 30 webinar								
	DNA to Z: Direct-to-Consumer Genetic Testing Nov 20, 2020 (CE expires Nov 20, 2021) = 1 credit								
	Effective Health Communication and Health Literacy Oct 6, 2020 (CE expires Oct 6, 2021) = 1 credit								
	Effective Health Communication and Health Literacy Oct 19, 2021 = 1 credit Register for Oct 19 webinar								
	Making Sense of Numbers Jan 14, 2021 (CE expires Jan 14, 2022) = 1.5 credit								
	Introduction to Citizen Science / Libraries as Hubs for Citizen Science = up to 2 credits (CE expires Sep 30, 2021)								
	Providing Multilingual and Multicultural Health Information Sep 29, 2021 = 1 credit Register for Sep 29 webinar								
	Rural Health Resources Nov 2, 2020 (CE expires Nov 19, 2021) = 1 credit								
	Tips and Tools for Closing the Digital Health Divide April 19-22, 2021 (CE expires April 19, 2022) = 4 credits								
	Understanding the Opioid Crisis: Where do I begin? Oct 16th, 2020 (CE expires Oct 16, 2021) = 1 credit								

NNLM Sponsorship

NNLM sponsors the CHIS application fee for level 1 or level 2 for library workers, including renewals. Once you've completed the necessary coursework, fill out the [sponsorship form](#).