An experience based program to study key issues concerning community health care and developing practical approaches to support patients. Students consider obstacles to effective health care as well as strategies for enabling at-risk patients with chronic conditions to play a more active role in promoting their own health and well-being.

Training Seminar is designed to prepare for effective service as a community health coach.

Practicum fosters meaningful interactions for boosting cooperation while helping to resolve non-medical issues that impede effective risk factor management and patient care. During the practicum phase, student coaches will be assigned to provide in-home visits, phone interactions, or both. The practicum will be held at the Community Health Improvement Program (CHIP) office in Ontario. During COVID-19 restrictions, only telephonic contacts will be conducted.

Program Requirements:

- Second Year Sophomore or higher in Dietetics or Nutrition Science in the College of Agriculture or whose career goals are focused on community/healthcare service
- Commit a minimum of 6 hours per week to the program
- Valid Driver’s License and access to a motor vehicle
- Participate in hospital orientation program, subject to background check, and TB test

Academic Units awarded as agreed to by each student’s respective Department Chair.

Registration:

- **Now Accepting Applications through May 29, 2020**
- Students are encouraged to sign on for two or more consecutive semesters
- To apply for the summer session, contact Ron Nowosad, Director of Program Development and Clinic Operations at San Antonio Regional Hospital (rnowosad@sach.org)