

Learning Objectives	
1.	Examine the community health needs assessment process.
2.	Explore the value of coalition and capacity building to support community health.
3.	Identify and utilize data to assess and understand the health of the community.
4.	Identify community health priorities to establish a community health action plan to address local chronic disease control and prevention and health improvement.
5.	Review resources and technical assistance available to support a community in conducting a community health needs assessment.

Competencies	
Community Health Needs Assessment	Use needs assessment strategies to gather relevant data for community health improvement planning related to chronic disease prevention and control.
	Identify the community's demographic characteristics and health behaviors.
	Identify strengths, needs, and gaps and prioritize needs based on the assessment of community health needs assessment data findings.
	Identify resources to address chronic disease prevention and control activities.
	Assess the community's policies, regulations, and environment, as well as education and awareness strategies that address chronic disease prevention and control.
Putting Data to Work	Develop a framework to facilitate the community health needs assessment process based on research and theory that addresses community needs and desired chronic disease prevention and control outcomes.
	Develop a Community Health Action Plan (CHAP) based on priority community health issues identified in the community health needs assessment.

