



SUMMIT ACADEMY OIC

# Course Catalog

# About Summit Academy OIC

## **WHO WE ARE:**

Summit Academy OIC (SAOIC) is a nonprofit educational and vocational training center that prepares and empowers adults residing in the most economically depressed neighborhoods in the Twin Cities to become educated, employed, contributing members of their community.

SAOIC is accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Schools, is licensed with the Minnesota Higher Education Offices and is a community-based vocational training and job placement program.

## **OUR MISSION:**

We exist to assist individuals in developing their ability to earn and to become contributing citizens in their community. We support the development of self-sufficiency in every person, regardless of background, economic status, or level of ability. We strengthen the community by preparing individuals to assume their roles as workers, parents, and citizens.

## **OUR PROMISE:**

For those individuals who aspire to provide a better life for themselves and their families, Summit Academy OIC instills self-discipline and offers hope and progress.

## **WHERE WE ARE LOCATED:**

Summit is located near the intersection of I-94 and Olson Memorial Highway in North Minneapolis, and is on the bus line at Bryant Avenue North and Olson Memorial Highway.

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*“Summit Academy OIC not only teaches you a viable trade, but it also lays the foundation for positive change through personal growth and by lighting the candle of hope for a better future. If you allow it to happen, Summit will change your life forever.”*

*Dean Peters  
#1 Graduate, December 2009*

# Student Success

**Tiffany Jones** came to Summit's Community Health Worker program having no home or money and a son to take care of. She needed to change her life. As a Summit graduate, Tiffany works at Fremont Clinic and is able to not only support her son but also serve as a positive role model.



**Frank Soman** heard about Summit from prison. He knew it was his shot at redemption. As Frank began Summit's 100 Hard Hats program, he found himself excelling at math and helping other students, which was "better than any drug." Frank graduated and now works for Veit Construction.

## Graduate Placement and Wage Results

- 73% of Summit graduates were placed in jobs
- Community Health Worker grads earned an average wage of \$11.50 per hour
- 100 Hard Hats graduates earned an average wage of \$16.00 per hour

## Graduates of Summit have worked on:

### **Target Field**

Photo: Populous



**28 Grads**

**Average hourly wage: \$21.63**

### **Target Green Roof**

Photo: Stock Roofing/TectaAmerica.corp



**18 Grads**

**Average hourly wage: \$32.44**

### **TCF Stadium**

Photo: University of Minnesota



**9 Grads**

**Average hourly wage: \$18.63**



# Enrollment Process

## Enroll Today!

1. First, get more information about the program you're interested in by attending one of our **FREE** information sessions offered every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. (in Minneapolis) and every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. (in St. Paul).
2. Take an entrance exam. You will need to pass both parts of the exam for admission. If you do not pass the test on the first try, Summit can connect you with tutoring to help you pass.
3. Next, you'll need to bring the following items with you to enroll:

### **For Adult Education Students:**

- Valid state ID or drivers license
- Social security card
- Most recent tax return
- Copy of high school diploma or GED
- Completed FAFSA (financial aid forms) to determine your eligibility for financial aid

### **For Post Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) Students:**

- Completed SAOIC application of admission
- Completed PSEO application (obtain an application from your high school counselor or by calling 612-377-0150)

# Tuition & Financial Aid

Summit Academy OIC is accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Schools, is licensed with the Minnesota Higher Education Offices and is licensed as a private career school with the Minnesota Higher Education Office, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes sections 141.21 to 141.32. Licensure is not an endorsement of the institution. Thirty clock hours are equal to one credit hour. Credits earned at the institution may not transfer to all other institutions.

## TUITION RATE: \$5,400

Tuition includes all books, supplies, activities and lab fees. Financial aid is available to those who qualify.

## FINANCIAL AID

Federal and state student aid is available for students enrolled in eligible programs at approved schools. Summit Academy OIC participates in five financial aid programs:

- The Federal Pell Grant Program
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
- The Minnesota State Grant Program
- The Federal Work-Study Program
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Both federal and state grants are financial aid that does not have to be repaid. The grant amounts are based on need, cost of attendance and enrollment status.

The work-study program allows students to earn money for educational expenses while enrolled in school. The following is a list of some of the eligibility requirements for this program:

- Students must be U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens with a valid social security number
- Students must have a high school diploma or a General Education Development (GED) certificate
- Male students must have registered for the selective services (federal programs only)

To apply for federal and/or state financial aid, students must submit a completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which can be found online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov), and be prepared to know/provide the following information:

- Social Security Number
- Alien Registration Card or Passport/Visa (for eligible non-citizens)
- Current year tax forms

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the financial aid application process, please contact our financial aid counselor at 612-377-0150.

Go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) to complete the required Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

# Refund Policy

## Refund Policy/Buyer's Right to Cancel

Each student will be notified of acceptance/rejection in writing. In the event a student is rejected, all tuition, fees and other charges will be refunded.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, if a student gives written notice of cancellation within five business days of the execution of the contract or day on which the student is accepted, then a complete refund is given regardless of whether the program has started.

If a student gives written notice of cancellation after five business days of the execution of the contract or day on which student is accepted, but before the start of the program by the school, then all tuition, fees and other charges, except 15 percent of the total cost of the program (15 percent not to exceed \$50.00) shall be refunded to the student.

If a student gives written notice of cancellation after the start of the period of instructions for which the student has been charged, but before the completion of 75 percent of the period of instruction, then the student is assessed a pro rata portion of tuition, fees and all other charges based on the number of days in the term plus 25 percent of the total program cost (25 percent not to exceed \$100.00).

Any notice of cancellation shall be acknowledged in writing within 10 business days of receipt of such notice and all refunds shall be forwarded to the student within 30 business days of receipt of such notice.

This refund policy is not linked to any student conduct policy and any promissory instrument shall not be negotiated prior to the completion of 50 percent of the course.

Written notice of cancellation shall take place on the date the letter of cancellation is postmarked or, in the cases where the notice is hand carried, it shall occur on the date the notice is delivered to the school.

There is a tuition cost to attend Summit Academy OIC and all candidates planning to attend must agree to complete all necessary paperwork for tuition expenses.



# Community Health Worker



## Earn a Community Health Worker Certificate in Just 20 Weeks! *Includes 4 weeks of internship*

**The Community Health Worker (CHW) Program** will prepare you to enter employment in a variety of organizations. CHWs perform a broad range of health-related functions and play an important role in bridging the gap between cultures and healthcare systems. CHWs work with healthcare organizations to increase cultural competence, improve access to healthcare for racial and ethnic minorities, improve the quality of care for the chronically ill, promote healthy communities and educate families about access to and use of healthcare coverage. Students will learn the six basic core competencies employers look for as they recruit and hire CHWs.

This 20-credit certificate program is designed for students without any previous healthcare background. Students will learn the fundamentals of:

- Medical terminology
- Advocacy and outreach
- English grammar
- Interpersonal communication
- Microsoft Office
- Keyboarding and formatting



# Program Courses

Course ID	Credits	Course Name	Course Description
CHW 110	3	Role, Advocacy and Outreach	The goal of this course is to effectively train and prepare students in the following core areas: personal safety, self care, health promotion and disease prevention. Students are further educated about diseases and prevention in several key areas to help improve their own health as well as the communities they serve.
CHW 111	1	Communication Skills and Cultural Competencies	Provides the content and skills in communication to assist CHWs in effectively interacting with a variety of clients, their families and a range of healthcare providers. Students will practice communication skills in the context of a community's culture and the cultural implications that can affect client communication.
CHW 112	1	Teaching and Capacity Building	This course focuses on the CHW's role in teaching and increasing capacity of the community and the client. Emphasis is on establishing healthy lifestyles and developing agreements with clients to take responsibility for achieving health goals. Students will learn and practice methods for developing and implementing plans with clients to promote wellness.
CHW 113	1	Legal and Ethical Responsibilities	Discusses the legal and ethical dimensions of the CHW's role. Students will study the boundaries of the CHW position, agency policies, confidentiality, liability, mandatory reporting and cultural issues that can influence legal and ethical responsibilities.
CHW 114	1	Coordination, Documentation and Reporting	Focuses on the importance and ability of the CHW to gather, document and report client visits and other activities. The emphasis is on appropriate, accurate and clear documentation with consideration of legal and agency requirements.
CHW 115	1	Organization and Resources: Community and Personal Strategies	This course focuses on the CHW's knowledge of the community and the ability to prioritize and organize work. Emphasis is on the use and critical analysis of resources and problem solving.

# Program Courses, Continued

Course ID	Credits	Course Name	Course Description
AAWP130	3	Basic Keyboarding and Microsoft Office	Develop basic alphabetic, numeric and symbol keyboarding techniques and skills. Also learn how to build speed and accuracy. Introduction to Microsoft Office suite, including Word, Outlook, Excel, PowerPoint and Publisher.
ENG110	3	English	Learn the fundamentals of English grammar and mechanics. This course also features a strong focus on reading comprehension and analysis. This includes highlighting parts of speech, learning reading strategies, making inferences and drawing conclusions, exploring fact and opinion, understanding vocabulary-context clues, and comprehending perspective.
WORK100 AA	1	Basics in Working for Business Success	Learn interpersonal communication skills, office etiquette, critical thinking, goal setting, career research and problem solving. Learn how to set up file systems and become familiar with business dress as well as résumé writing and interviewing skills.
INT100	5	Internship and Practice Competencies	Each student will participate in an off-site internship provided that they complete the required class work. The goal of the internship is for students to integrate and apply coursework content at an organization that employs Community Health Workers. Each of the core competencies learned in class will be actively employed throughout the internship process. Internship placements are provided by the instructors based on student interest and an overall good fit between the organization and the personality of the student. Students are required to work for four weeks at their internship site for a minimum of 120 total hours (30 hours per week).

## *All CHW students also complete the following:*

- *Personal Finance, where students learn about credit building, money management via savings and checking, budgeting, file systems and business dress (appropriate to the field of work).*
- *Parenthood Training is provided by trained individuals to support men and women's understanding of the responsibilities of effective parenting while providing access to professionals in the legal and social service systems.*

*Training for Life!*



# Pre-Apprentice Carpentry

*Summit's 100 Hard Hats Programs*



**Earn a Pre-Apprentice Certificate in Just 20 Weeks!**

*Would you like to work on projects changing the face of the Twin Cities?*

*Graduates of Summit have worked on projects like the Twins and Gopher stadiums, the Target Center green roof and light rail transit lines.*

In just 20 weeks, you can receive a certificate from Summit, an accredited training institution, as a Pre-Apprentice in the following specialties:

- Carpenter/Weatherization Technician
- Heavy Equipment Operator
- Plumber
- Residential Electrician
- Sheet Metal Worker
- Welder