

Breaking Down the Consumer Health Information Specialization (CHIS)



**Health
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What is the CHIS?

<https://www.mlanet.org/page/chis>

The Medical Library Association (MLA) Consumer Health Information Specialization (CHIS) offers training in providing health information services to consumers and *recognition* for the accomplishment of acquiring new health information skills.

How do I Obtain the CHIS?

<https://nnlm.gov/classes/stand-up-for-health>

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) created a 4-week course called Stand Up for Health that is designed to provide public library staff with the foundation (or a refresher) of health and wellness reference, programming, and outreach for their communities. This class covers all eight Consumer Health Information Specialization (CHIS) competencies for level 1 OR level 2 CHIS qualifications, but not both.

All you need is a FREE account with NNLM here: <https://nnlm.gov/user/join>

Is there a Cost Involved?

<https://nnlm.gov/gmr/funding/chis-sponsorship>

It can be FREE! While Stand Up for Health is free, MLA does charge an application reviewing fee. The Greater Midwest Region of NNLM does offer sponsorship for this cost making the total fees \$0 to obtain this specialization.