

# Consumer Health Information Specialization



The Consumer Health Information Specialization (CHIS) supports information service providers to keep current in the consumer health information field and provides them with a recognized level of expertise. The National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) sponsors this specialization for public librarians to support the health information needs of the public and their communities across the nation.

In order to receive the specialization, public librarians are required to complete 12 hours of approved course activities that focus on consumer health. These courses are offered free by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine — including in-person sessions, self-paced online classes, and interactive webinars.

For More Information: [nnlm.gov](http://nnlm.gov)



# CHIS Courses

The following are examples of courses offered:

- Beyond an Apple a Day: Providing Consumer Health Information at Your Library
- NLM's Online Playground: K-12 Science and Health Education Resources
- ABCs of DNA: Unraveling the Mystery of Genetics Information for Consumers
- Caring for the Mind: Providing Mental Health Information at Your Library
- Stand up for Health! Health and Wellness Services for Your Community
- Combatting Information Fatigue: Health Information Resources for Veterans



The Consumer Health Information Specialization is an accredited program of the Medical Library Association (MLA), intended to provide basic and advanced training for those who provide information services to the public. To learn more about the specialization program and requirements please see the MLA website at [www.mlanet.org](http://www.mlanet.org).

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine is sponsoring Level 1 specialization for library staff. To apply, please complete the application form at <https://nnlm.gov/gmr/funding/chis-mentorship>.

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