

What is Environmental Health?

Environmental Health (EH) is the branch of public health protection that is concerned with all aspects of the natural and built environment that may affect human health.

EH is also a field of science that studies how the environment influences human health and disease.

“Environment” in this context means identifying and addressing how the environment impacts human health.



Environmental Testing

Why Choose a Career in Environmental Health?

- *More people are needed in the field.* There is a national shortage of trained environmental health professionals.
- *A great job placement rate.* Graduates with environmental health degrees are more likely to get hired soon after graduation.

There's Something for Everyone in the Field of EH

Environmental Health (EH) professionals are environmental detectives. We investigate environmental conditions to find the source of illness and disease. E. coli or Salmonella outbreaks are just a few of the environmental health problems we solve.

- **Ever wonder how the environment affects our health?**
- **Do you like to solve problems?**
- **Curious how chemicals affect the body and environment?**
- **Want a career that offers unlimited possibilities?**

Then the field of environmental health is for you!

About the Association of Environmental Health Academic Programs (AEHAP)

AEHAP was formed in 1999 to address a severe workforce shortage of environmental health professionals.

We work to increase the environmental health workforce by promoting and supporting environmental health science degree programs accredited by the National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council (EHAC). **Learn more about AEHAP at: www.aehap.org.**

Where do Environmental Health Professionals Work?

- State, county and city health agencies
- Environmental consulting companies
- Private corporations
- Federal government
- International organizations
- Non profit organizations
- Academia (colleges and universities)

Responsibilities often include:

- Reviewing permits
- Collecting and interpreting data
- Investigating complaints
- Monitoring
- Educating
- Performing inspections
- Renewing or revoking licenses
- Writing reports

Salary ranges for Environmental Health Specialists vary but estimates based on information from some environmental health professionals show:

Entry level salaries: \$35,000 - \$50,000
Average salary range: \$40,000 - \$78,000



Cruise ship kitchen inspection.

Where can I earn a degree in environmental health?

We recommend earning a Bachelors or Masters degree in Environmental Health Science from a program accredited by the National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council (EHAC).

ACCREDITED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAMS:

You can also find an updated list of programs at: www.careersenvhealth.com/degree.htm

Alabama

Alabama A&M University, AL

California

California State University at Fresno, CA
California State University at Northridge, CA
California State University at San Bernardino, CA

Colorado

Colorado State University, CO

Georgia

Spelman College, GA
University of Georgia, GA

Idaho

Boise State University, ID

Illinois

Illinois State University, IL
University Illinois-Springfield, IL

Indiana

Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis, IN
Indianapolis, IN

Kentucky

Eastern Kentucky University, KY

Maryland

Salisbury University, MD

Michigan

Lake Superior State University, MI

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Mississippi

Mississippi Valley State, MS

Missouri

Missouri Southern State University, MO

New Mexico

New Mexico State University, NM

North Carolina

East Carolina University, NC
North Carolina Central University, NC
Western Carolina University, NC

Ohio

Bowling Green State University, OH
Ohio University, OH
University of Findlay, OH
Wright State University, OH

Oklahoma

East Central University, OK

Pennsylvania

Indiana University of Pennsylvania, PA
West Chester University, PA

South Carolina

Benedict College, SC

Tennessee

East Tennessee State, TN

Texas

Texas Southern University, TX

Washington State

University of Washington, WA

Virginia

Old Dominion University, VA

Wisconsin

University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire, WI

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