Join the Field of Environmental Health

Life’s too short to take just any job. The field of environmental health needs people that want to make a difference with their careers. If you have the heart, desire and skills to save lives and protect New Jersey’s residents and environment, then join the Environmental Health program! The EPH summer course will give you the experience and the REHS license. This seven-week course and accompanying 200-hour (five-week) internship provides the expertise and experience you need and helps prepare you for the REHS licensing exam.

REHS: The Credential You Need in Environmental Health

Graduates of the EPH program and field training are eligible to take the New Jersey licensing exam to become Registered Environmental Health Specialists (REHS). In New Jersey, an REHS acts as the front-line investigator for many of the state’s public health and environmental regulations. REHS work as health inspectors, environmental compliance managers and environmental consultants in both the public and private sectors. EPH graduates are working around the state, country and world on global and local issues including:

• Assessing data & resources to control effects of a pandemic event
• Contributing to zoning dialogue for better built environments
• Conducting epidemiological investigations
• Inspecting wholesale and retail food establishments
• Monitoring air, soil and food for safety & regulation compliance
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Get Real-World Experience to Match Your Education

After the 7-week classroom session concludes, we will place you in a 200-hour internship to further develop the skills that employers value. You will gain a wide range of on-the-job skills including:

• Addressing current public health concerns
• Conducting epidemiological investigations
• Inspecting wholesale and retail food establishments
• Investigating air and noise pollution
• Investigating reports of disease outbreaks
• Monitoring streams, lakes and groundwater

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Course Content & Format

The EPH course is comprised of various modules which cover a wide range of topics in environmental health and management including:

Emerging Issues in Public Health: current updates ranging from bioterrorism and West Nile virus to disaster preparedness and risk communication, plus public health administration topics related to the management and structure of health departments.

Environmental Pollution: hazardous materials and pollution control strategies for air and water.

Epidemiology: communicable disease, modes of transmission and outbreak investigations.

Public Health Microbiology: microbes and the symptoms, transmission and prevention of the diseases they cause.

Public Health Sanitation: food safety and inspection techniques, and new topics on food security, as well as veterinary public health, pool chemistry, youth camps and bathing facilities.

Soils, Septics and the Environment: soil logs and septic system design.

Water and Wastewater: stream pollution investigation and water treatment systems, including a brief chemistry review to bring all students up to speed.

Method of Payment

Payment arrangements must be made prior to being admitted to the class.

- Check
- Money Order
- Authorized Purchase Order #

Proof of payment MUST be presented with this form to process your registration.

Payable to:
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
By Mail:
Registration Desk, NJAES Office of Continuing Professional Education, Rutgers University, 102 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-8519.

By Fax:
732-932-8726. Please include copy of payment; original payment must be mailed.

- Credit Card - VISA, Mastercard, AMEX, and Discover accepted

By Credit Card:
Please call 848-932-9271 - press "2" for Registration.
What Graduates Say About EPH

“EPH is the best option to pursue the REHS license. It exposes you to the skills and knowledge needed to be an REHS and thoroughly covers the information on the licensing exam through three straight months of practical and theoretical training – you’re [also] exposed to a variety of environmental health career opportunities. I found EPH invaluable – I am better for it both professionally and personally.”

Ryan Coward, REHS Trainee, Rockaway Township, EPH ’14

“The instructors are all active members of their field and many are also employers. The internship directly led me to a job in a neighboring township as a full-time REHS, as it gave me the opportunity to work with a Health Officer who recommended me. There really is no substitute for the direct work experience and networking the EPH course offers.”

Bryan Coward, REHS, Randolph Township Health Dept, EPH ’13

“For me, taking EPH in the summer following my junior year put me at a great advantage entering the fall semester of my senior year. The knowledge I gained through EPH was applied to nearly all of my classes, and I was able to command a greater understanding of the material.”

Thomas Myers, REHS, Morris County Office of Health Mgmt, EPH ’11

“EPH exceeded all of my expectations. Having a course come with an internship and a guarantee for state licensure was amazing. I couldn’t have experienced this like anywhere else. It was nice to go out at the end of class and put what I just learned right to use.”

Nicholas DeSantis-Elum, EPH ’10

“As a professional working in the food industry, [EPH] really helped me to understand food safety from a regulator’s view. Additionally, it has given me much insight into industrial environmental compliance as well. In today’s economic, climate, and multiple skill sets are valued by employers.”

Laure DePinto, REHS, QC Manager, Firmenich Flavors, EPH ’09

“Although I am a veteran student with 3 degrees under my belt, EPH was by far the most challenging and rewarding educational program I’ve experienced. I expect to have a long and fruitful career in environmental health.”

Frank Mccallen, REHS, Sr. Env. Specialist, Disease Strategies, EPH ’08

Getting Started & Class Logistics

Course Prerequisites

EPH applicants must have:
- 12 credits in biology, chemistry, physical, or environmental sciences (with one lab course; no grades below “C” accepted)
- a minimum of 90 credits overall

Courses in biology and chemistry are strongly recommended. If you lack 32 science credits, it may be possible to register for up to 9 (nine) science credits earned by completing EPH plus additional course work. Additional fees, payable to Rutgers Summer Session, will apply. Please contact us if you are interested in this option.

In order to sit for the state REHS Licensing Exam you must have your Bachelor’s Degree and successfully complete the EPH program or equivalent courses at the college level. Our office helps EPH graduates with the application process for the NJ REHS exam.

Get Started - Apply Now!

Send us your unofficial transcript using our risk-free on-line application (found here: www.cpe.rutgers.edu/eph) or send it by e-mail, fax or mail (include your name, phone & email address). If you qualify for the course, the next step is to send a completed EPH Registration Form (we will provide) along with your official transcript and the $40 non-refundable application fee.

- PAYMENT / REFUND / FEE INFORMATION -

Placement / Payment - All students must have prearranged for payment to be admitted to the class.

FEES - Your registration fee covers all meals provided on the first and last day of class as well as textbook materials. Students are responsible for buying one textbook (approximate cost $45) unless otherwise noted on the course webpage. The textbook, Control of Communicable Diseases, will be available at the Rutgers University bookstore or can be purchased online.

Cancellation Policy - Registrants may withdraw in writing from this course (minus the $40 application fee) up to (5) five full working days before the course begins and receive a full refund; less any materials fee or as otherwise noted on the course webpage. If the Office of Continuing Professional Education is not notified in writing at least (5) five working days prior to the start of class, no refunds will be offered, but registrants may be responsible for the full fee.

Financial Aid - For more information on financial aid, contact your college’s financial aid office.

Academic Standards - For additional information on academic standards, contact the Office of the Registrar.

Academics for Individuals with Disabilities - If you require special assistance, please notify our office when you register or no later than two weeks before the course starts. Every effort will be made to accommodate reasonable requests.