

POSITION: Environmental Health Specialist
DEPARTMENT: Macon County Public Health
Grade: 30
Starting Salary: \$47,747.44
Position Number: 511056
Posted: January 30, 2025
Closing Date: Until Filled



GENERAL DEFINITION OF WORK: Duties include promotion of public health through education, surveillance, consultation, inspection, and enforcement of state and local environmental health laws and regulations. The majority of work will be in the On-site Waste Water and Private Drinking Water Well programs, including evaluation of sites for well-water systems, layout of systems, inspection of systems for proper installation, investigation of general environmental health complaints, and evaluation of problems with existing systems. Some work may include inspection of food handling establishments, hotel, motel and other lodging establishments, public swimming pools, daycare centers and, migrant housing to determine compliance with current sanitation standards.

Qualification Requirements

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential function satisfactorily. The requirements below are representative of the knowledge, skill and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable an individual with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

- Working knowledge of environmental health laws, rules, and procedures, as well as a complete understanding of the concepts of public health law.
- Practical knowledge of microbiology, biology, chemistry, food science, epidemiology, soil science, entomology, and basic engineering technology as applied to environmental health practices.
- General knowledge of community resources.
- Working knowledge of the responsibilities of other agencies involved in environmental health work.
- Working knowledge of the interrelationship between socio-economic factors and environmental health concerns.
- Working knowledge of the design of private drinking well water systems, on-site wastewater systems, food sanitation, foodborne diseases, communicable diseases, vector control, protection of water supplies, solid waste management, and institutional sanitation.
- Working knowledge of inspection methods and investigation techniques as applied in environmental health.
- Ability to analyze and comprehend a wide variety of technical and administrative regulations, records, and reports.
- Ability to exercise sound judgment and deal tactfully with a wide range of public contracts while enforcing public health laws and regulations.
- Ability to motivate and educate business and property owners and the consuming public in matters related to protecting and promoting public health.
- Ability to present formal environmental health training programs.
- Ability to develop and express ideas and opinions concisely, comprehensively, and clearly in oral and written form.
- Ability to independently plan and schedule work activities.
- Ability to apply environmental health knowledge and techniques in the investigation of environmental health problems.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE: Graduation from an accredited baccalaureate or postgraduate degree program with a minimum of 30 semester hours or its equivalent in the physical or biological sciences and two years of experience in the field of environmental health practice; or a graduation from a baccalaureate or postgraduate degree program that is accredited by the National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council (EHAC) and a minimum of one year of experience in the field of environmental health practice.

LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION REQUIRED: Must be eligible to meet the requirements for registration or license as an Environmental Health Specialist as outlined in Article 4, Chapter 90A of the NC General Statutes. Approval for registration as a Sanitarian or registration as a Sanitarian by the North Carolina Board of Sanitarian Examiners prior to employment.

TRAINEE APPOINTMENT (if not fully qualified): Appointee must be eligible for registration and apply for registration as an Environmental Health Specialist Intern within 60 days of employment. Employee may remain registered as an Environmental Health Specialist Intern until registration as an Environmental Health Specialist or up to three years, whichever comes first.

HOW TO APPLY:

Applicants must register online or in person with NCWorks. A State application (PD-107) is required and may be obtained at and submitted to the
NC Works Career Center
23 Macon Avenue
Franklin, N.C.

Mail to:

5 West Main Street
Franklin, NC 28734

and must be submitted on or before the closing date. **Online applications are not available.** Please include 3 references with contact information and a valid email address for all correspondence from the employer to the applicant. Resumes will not be considered.

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All prospective employees are subject to a criminal background check**