

## What can I do with a career in Environmental Health?

- Environmental Health Director for a Cruise Line
- Make a difference in your community!
- Public Health Officer with the Indian Health Service
- New things every day!
- Environmental Health Manager for a State or Local Health Department
- Ensure the health and safety of your neighbors.
- First Responder in the event of an Emergency
- Environmental Protection Specialist for the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) or the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Have a rewarding career!

**“Environmental Health is a critical component to the health and well-being of our community. That is why we need diverse and qualified environmental health practitioners who should play a vital role in our society.”**

— Hilda L. Solis,  
U.S. Congresswoman (CA-32)



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## Careers in Environmental Health



A Future Worth Considering





## What is Environmental Health?

Environmental health is the study of how environmental factors can harm human health, and how to identify, prevent, and control these effects.

Environmental health specialists use a broad background of scientific, technical, and behavioral knowledge and skills to investigate, evaluate, and eliminate environmental conditions that may be harmful to people or communities. After studying the health problems and needs of the community, they plan and implement control programs in a variety of areas including ambient and indoor air quality, food, water and wastewater, noise, hazardous substances, solid wastes, land use, pests, and housing.

### **EH Professionals protect human health and safety by:**

- Maintaining a safe supply of food and drinking water;
- Discovering the mechanisms of environmentally related diseases such as insects, rodents and other animal carriers of disease;
- Treating and disposing of solid and toxic wastes;
- Reducing air, water, food and noise pollution;
- Ensuring safe schools, playgrounds and workplaces by controlling hazards.

## What can you do with a degree in Environmental Health?

The **Bachelor of Science (BS)** program prepares students to enter into rewarding professional careers in the private and public sector or to pursue graduate or professional degrees. A bachelors degree in environmental health can lead many places – including a career in the Public or Indian Health Services; federal, state, city and environmental health departments; the Peace Corps; or a wide variety of private sector jobs.

## What will I learn studying Environmental Health?

As a student of environmental health, you will have the opportunity to learn how our environment affects human health. This includes such courses and topics as:

- Water Quality
- Air Quality and Pollution Control
- Food Safety
- Environmental Law
- Toxicology
- Public Policy and the Environment
- Occupational Health and Safety

## What are Environmental Health Careers?

Environmental health professionals work on array of issues related to human health and the environment. They work at a variety of local, state and federal environmental and public health agencies, as well as with private industry, consulting firms and not-for-profits. **More than 90% of EH Graduates who are actively seeking a job have one at graduation or soon after.**



## Environmental Health professionals work for:

- State, county and city health and environmental agencies
- Environmental consulting companies
- Private corporations
- Federal government
- International organizations, such as the Peace Corps and others.

## How do I pursue a career in Environmental Health?

To find a college or university with an accredited EH program, please contact:

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**“Environmental Health is an exciting career! Its many fields offer limitless opportunities to make a difference – a difference you can see!”**

— Arturo Aguirre,  
Director, Environmental Health, Los Angeles County