

HOW TO BECOME REGISTERED AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST

Registration as an Environmental Health Specialist requires three steps:

- 1. Education** - minimum a Bachelor's degree from a four year college including 30 semester units of basic science coursework (courses must be for "science" or "biology" majors);
- 2. Training and Experience** - up to 18 months depending on education typically at a local county environmental health department;
- 3. Comprehensive Exam** - held three times a year in Sacramento and Los Angeles.

Qualified college graduates must apply to the California Department of Public Health **and** have their transcripts evaluated by CPS HR Consulting before applying for a trainee position. State and county environmental health agencies and private industry hire REHSs. Both [California Environmental Health Association](http://www.ceha.org/) (<http://www.ceha.org/>) and [California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health](https://www.ccdeh.com/) (<https://www.ccdeh.com/>) list employment opportunities statewide.

Five state universities currently offer Bachelor's and/or Master's degrees in Environmental Health: California State University (CSU) at Fresno, CSU Northridge, CSU San Bernardino, University of California at Los Angeles, Loma Linda University and San Diego State University.

Applicants will need their domestic college transcripts evaluated by [CPS HR Consulting](http://www.cpshr.us/exams/EnvHealth/index.html) (<http://www.cpshr.us/exams/EnvHealth/index.html>) and apply to the REHS Program. The process generally takes 4 weeks. Course specific questions should be directed to Kimberly Drapeza (916) 471-3338 or kdrapeza@cpshr.us.

Foreign students will need a "course by course" evaluation of their college transcripts from a credential evaluation service to submit with the application to CDPH -REHS a list of credential evaluation services is available at the REHS website.

Once you've had your transcripts evaluated, CDPH will issue a *Letter of Eligibility*. This letter will allow you to apply for any open position as an EHS Trainee and will outline the experience and training you need to qualify for the examination.

Section Certified Under	Total Experience Time	Training Hours For First Three Basic Elements	Training Hours For Second Three Secondary Elements	Total Training Hours
Sec. 106635 I	18 Months	120 Each = 360 Total	80 Each = 240 Total	600
Sec. 106635 II	12 Months	90 Each = 270 Total	60 Each = 180 Total	450
Sec. 106635 III	9 Months	60 Each = 180 Total	40 Each = 120 Total	300
Sec. 106635 IV	6 Months	40 Each = 120 Total	27 Each = 81 Total	200

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