Guidelines for Preliminary Review of Education

These guidelines are designed to help applicants identify acceptable science courses required to meet California Health and Safety Code, Section 106635 for Options I or II, in general chemistry, organic chemistry, general biology, general physics, general microbiology and 3rd year college algebra or calculus before they apply for the formal evaluation by CPS HR Consulting. ***Please note: courses designed to meet general education requirements are not acceptable.***

The education requirements for certification as an EHS trainee include a bachelor's degree and a minimum 30 semester or 45 quarter units of basic science coursework. **To be eligible to take the REHS exam, you must complete all your education, training, and experience.**

Step One

Basic Requirements

1. Do you possess a minimum of a bachelor's degree including 30 semester units of basic sciences from an accredited college?
    - Yes – continue
    - No - you do not meet the minimum qualifications
2. Have you taken 30 semester or 45 quarter units of basic science coursework?
    - Yes - continue to step two
    - No - you do not meet the minimum qualifications

Specific Course Curriculum

Option I - 30 semester or 45 quarter basic science units including the following courses:
Calculus or 3rd Year College Algebra
General Biology Lecture*
General Chemistry Lecture*
General Microbiology Lecture*
General Organic Chemistry Lecture* **or**
General Physics Lecture*

Option II - 45 semester or 68 quarter basic science units including the following courses:
Calculus or 3rd Year College Algebra
General Biology Lecture*
General Chemistry Lecture*
General Microbiology Lecture*
General Organic Chemistry Lecture*
General Physics Lecture*

**Three of the required science courses shall include a laboratory*

❖ You will be **certifiable** as an EHS trainee without completing the specific course curriculum, but you will be required to complete any missing coursework before you are eligible to take the exam.

Step Two

Determine If Your Courses Meet The Requirements

1. Is the course required as a core course in the subject major?
    - Yes - course likely approved
    - No - next question
2. Is the course identified in the California Articulation Numbering (CAN) system as meeting the criteria for a core science course (see course description in college catalog).
    - Yes - course likely approved
    - No - next question
3. Do the course pre-requisites include two years of high school algebra and chemistry?
    - Yes - course likely approved
    - No - next question
4. Is the course a remedial class covering the content of a secondary school course?
    - Yes - course disapproved
    - No - next question
5. Is the course less than 3 semester or 4 quarter units?
    - Yes - course disapproved
    - No - further specific review required by the Environmental Health Specialist Registration Committee.