

What do environmental public health professionals do?

Environmental public health is a cornerstone of safe, functional, and thriving communities. Working with provincial and regional health authorities, health counties, tribal councils, and provincial and federal governments and ministries, environmental public health professionals (EHPs)—also known as public health inspectors and environmental health officers—safeguard the environment and health of Canadians through:

- ▶ Permitting and inspection of food premises, recreational water facilities, day care and care facilities, and water suppliers
- ▶ Infection and communicable disease control
- ▶ Food safety evaluation and monitoring
- ▶ Water quality testing
- ▶ Health promotion
- ▶ Health hazard management (e.g. boil water advisories, flood warnings)
- ▶ Enforcement of public health legislation
- ▶ Emergency response
- ▶ Recreation water safety
- ▶ Housing standards/ conditions
- ▶ Air quality testing
- ▶ Disease and injury prevention
- ▶ Waste water management systems
- ▶ Land remediation and development issues
- ▶ Public policy development
- ▶ Occupational health and safety
- ▶ Pollution control and solid waste management
- ▶ Quality control/ assurance
- ▶ Tobacco control



What is the job market like?

Certified EHPs are in high demand, and a variety of jobs are available across Canada. The market is also experiencing—and will continue to experience—a large number of retirements that need to be offset on an ongoing basis. Vacant positions are posted on CIPHI's national website under "Careers", on employer websites, and on job boards.

Visit our website to find out more.



www.ciphi.ca



The Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors:

We protect the health of all Canadians.



What is the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors?

CIPHI is a national professional association that works to protect the health of all Canadians by providing certification, education, and ongoing professional competencies to environmental public health professionals (EHPs). As part of our work, we:

- ▶ Support our members and employment partners through conferences, webinars, workshops, and networks.
- ▶ Advocate on behalf of all Canadians and the EPHP profession by meeting with governments to help improve public policy and provide valuable stakeholder input.
- ▶ Certify EPHPs via our Certificate in Public Health Inspection (Canada), or CPHI(C), which provides proof of satisfactory training, and meets the needs of provinces, municipalities, the federal government, and other employers of qualified EPHPs.

Learn more about CIPHI at www.ciphi.ca

How do I become a certified environmental public health officer?

EHPs have specific professional skills obtained through specialized education, training, and national certification in Canada.

While career paths and levels of expertise vary, typically an EPHP must complete the following steps:

STEP 1

Hold an approved academic qualification, such as, but not limited to, a bachelor's degree in Environmental Health. If you already have a related diploma or degree, you may be eligible for the "fast-track" program. Some programs can be as short as two years, depending on a person's previous education.

STEP 2

Complete a minimum of 12 weeks of hands-on practicum experience working under the direct supervision of a certified EPHP.

STEP 3

Pass an exam composed of written and oral components in order to receive a CPHI(C) from CIPHI.

Where can I study environmental public health in Canada?

British Columbia Institute of Technology

Burnaby, BC
www.bcit.ca

Cape Breton University

Sydney, NS
www.cbu.ca

Concordia University of Edmonton

Edmonton, AB
www.concordia.ab.ca

Conestoga College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning

Kitchener, ON
www.conestogac.on.ca

Toronto Metropolitan University

Toronto, ON
www.torontomu.ca

Université de Montréal

Montréal, QC
www.espum.umontreal