



INFORMATION FOR A CAREER AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL (EHP) in BC

OVERVIEW

An Environmental Public Health Professional (EHP) is a different field than that of a Public Health Inspector (PHI) or Environmental Health Officer (EHO) who require certification with the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI). EHPs focus on environmental health and unlike PHIs/EHOs the work is not regulated.

Environmental health professionals work to improve public health by identifying, tracking and addressing environmental risk factors. Position titles include environmental health practitioner or public health official. Most environmental health professionals specialize in an area such as reducing air, water, soil, noise or radiation pollution; protecting the food supply; improving safety in schools, public areas and the workplace; ensuring safe living conditions in housing; promoting public health with a focus on environmental hazards

EHPs typically work in federal, provincial, territorial, municipal and tribal government agencies on interdisciplinary public health teams. A smaller number work in the private sector as technical consultants or as workplace safety and health professionals, as well as in the fields of academics, public policy, executive management, research, scientific publication and information management.

In Canada, there are no legislated regulatory requirements for EHPs.

EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Most positions require a minimum of a bachelor's degree in Occupational Health and Safety or a related field such as environmental health, engineering, biology, or chemistry. More advanced positions may require a graduate degree such as a Master of Public Health (MPH) or even a doctorate if working in a research role.



RESOURCES

Explore Health Careers - <https://explorehealthcareers.org/field/environmental-health/>

Environmental Science org (Public Health Careers) -
<https://www.environmentalscience.org/careers/public-health>

Environmental Science org (What is an Environmental Health Professional?)
<https://www.environmentalscience.org/career/environmental-health-professional>

Public Health CareerEdu.org. - <https://www.publichealthcareeredu.org/environmental-health/>

JOB BOARDS

Google -
https://www.google.com/search?q=job+in+environmental+health+in+BC&rlz=1C1CHBF_enCA705CA705&oq=job+in+environmental+health+in+BC&aqs=chrome..69i57j69i60.6937j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8

Indeed - <https://ca.indeed.com/Environmental-Health-Science-jobs-in-British-Columbia>