

The Ventura County Environmental Health Division is dedicated to improving the quality of life and health through environmental education, consultation, inspection, and enforcement. A career as a Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) in Ventura County provides opportunities to do “hands-on” field work in a wide variety of programs including:

- Consumer Food Protection
- Recreational Health
- Small Water Systems
- Resident Camps and Detention Facilities/Jails
- Cross Connection Control
- Land Use
- Ocean Water Quality Monitoring
- Mosquito and Vector Control
- Hazardous Materials and Hazardous Waste
- Leaking Underground Fuel Tanks
- Individual Sewage Disposal Systems
- * Medical Waste
- * Tattoo, Body Piercing, and Permanent Cosmetics
- * Solid Waste



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Employment Opportunities

Salaries range from \$41,100.79 to \$76,238.38 annually. The actual starting salary is determined by education and employment history.

How do I become an REHS?

The State of California Department of Public Health (CDPH) administers the Registered Environmental Health Specialist Program. State law sets the minimum requirements for registration. These include a Bachelor's degree with a minimum of 30 semester units of approved basic science. Specific educational and/or experience requirements can be found at:

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/occupations>

There are universities in California that have accredited Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Environmental Health. Graduation from these programs qualifies you to sit for the State examination to become a Registered Environmental Health Specialist.

Which universities have approved Environmental Health degrees?

1. California State University, Northridge
www.csun.edu/hhd/eoh/eohbs.html
2. California State University, Fresno
www.csufresno.edu/ehs
3. California State University, Los Angeles
www.calstatela.edu/univ/ehs
4. California State University, San Bernardino
<http://health.csusb.edu/BSEnviroHealth.htm>
5. Loma Linda University
www.llu.edu/llu/sph/envh
6. California State University, Fullerton
<http://ehs.fullerton.edu>
7. University of California, Los Angeles
www.ph.ucla.edu/ehs

How can I obtain further information regarding the REHS opportunities in Ventura County?

Contact Paolo Quinto at:

Telephone 805/654-2820

Email Paolo.Quinto@ventura.org

Visit EHD's web site at:

www.ventura.org/rma/envhealth

How can I obtain further information regarding the State Registration Program?

Visit the CDPH web site at:

www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/occupations

In addition, contact Margaret Blood, CDPH, Environmental Health Specialist Registration Program, P O Box 997377, MS 7404, Sacramento, California 95899-7377 or telephone 916/449-5663, email to REHSprog@cdph.ca.gov.



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