

Article - Health Occupations
Title 21
Environmental Health Specialists

Subtitle 1. Definitions; General Provisions.

21–101. Definitions.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(a–1) “Apprenticeship” means a program of training and experience under the supervision of a licensed environmental health specialist that is part of the requirements for a Board–approved baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.

(b) “Board” means the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists.

(c) “Environmental health specialist” means an individual who practices as an environmental health specialist.

(d) “Environmental health specialist–in–training” means an individual who meets the educational qualifications required under this title but has not yet completed the environmental health specialist–in–training program required under § 21–305 of this title.

(e) “Environmental health specialist–in–training program” means a program of training and experience under the supervision of a licensed environmental health specialist or other individual acceptable to the Board.

(f) “Hours of approved training” means the value given to participation in continuing education or experience as approved by the Board.

(g) “License” means, unless the context requires otherwise, a license issued by the Board to practice as an environmental health specialist.

(h) “Licensed environmental health specialist” means an individual licensed by the Board to practice as an environmental health specialist.

(i) “Practice as an environmental health specialist” means, as a major component of employment, to apply academic principles, methods and procedures of the environmental, physical, biological, and health sciences to the inspections and investigations necessary to collect and analyze data and to make decisions necessary to secure compliance with federal, State, and local health and environmental laws and regulations specifically relating to control of the public health aspects of the environment including:

- (1) The manufacture, preparation, handling, distribution, or sale of food and milk;
- (2) Water supply and treatment;
- (3) Wastewater treatment and disposal;
- (4) Solid waste management and disposal;
- (5) Vector control;
- (6) Insect and rodent control;
- (7) Air quality;
- (8) Noise control;
- (9) Product safety;
- (10) Recreational sanitation; and
- (11) Institutional and residential sanitation.

21–102. Right to practice health occupation not limited.

This title does not prohibit an individual from practicing any other profession or occupation that the individual is authorized to practice under the laws of the State.