Albemarle Regional Health Services Partners in Public Health

Environmental Health Specialist

Position Number 519-56-610 (335)

Salary \$39,588 to \$49,365 Annually

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How to apply? Contact the Employment Security Commission, 422 McArthur Drive 252-331-4798 OR call Suzanne Ott at 252-338-4489

ARHS does REQUIRE NC State Application PD-107. Incomplete applications will NOT be processed. The application can be found at www.arhs-nc.org/contact/

Current employees of Albemarle Regional Health Services should contact your immediate supervisor first and then contact Personnel Office if they are interested in applying.

Albemarle Regional Health Services provides eligible employees with a competitive benefits package including paid health insurance, paid holidays, 401 (k), sick and vacation leave, and N.C. Local Government Retirement.

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Positions Responsibilities:

This position is housed within the Environmental Health Department of ARHS, which promotes public health through implementation and evaluation of sound sanitation practices and environmental conditions for all citizens of our district. The Environmental Health Specialist promotes environmental health and sanitation through education, surveillance, consultation, inspection, and enforcement of local, state, and federal environmental health laws and regulations. This position will be based in Currituck County. **Key Duties:**

- Evaluate and inspect conventional and alternative sewage disposal systems based on soil characteristics and the current regulations and standards at different levels of installation to see that all requirements are met.
- Determine the design of septic tank systems based on the soil characteristics during initial evaluation.
- Provide technical assistance in the proper repair of malfunctioning sewage disposal systems.
- Evaluate lots for ground absorption sewage disposal systems.
- Periodic inspections and complaint investigation of all types of food and lodging establishments and child care facilities for compliance with State Health and Safety Code requirements including structural and operational aspects of food storage and preparation, utensil washing and sanitizing food equipment, plumbing and ventilation, hand washing bedding equipment, restroom facilities, playground equipment, and toys.
- Participate in epidemiological investigations pertaining to food borne or water borne diseases or other communicable diseases.
- Assist in the review of all plans for proposed new construction and/or improvements of facilities and provide technical assistance as regarding current construction standards
- Assist in preparing court cases.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Working knowledge of environmental health laws, rules, and procedures, as well as a complete understanding of the concepts of public health law.
- Practical knowledge of microbiology, biology, chemistry, food science, epidemiology, soil science, entomology, and basic engineering technology as applied to environmental health practices.
- General knowledge of community resources.
- Working knowledge of the responsibilities of other agencies involved in environmental health work.
- Working knowledge of the interrelationship between socio-economic factors and environmental health concerns.
- Working knowledge of the design of on-site waste water treatment systems, food sanitation, food borne diseases, communicable diseases, vector control, protection of water supplies, solid waste management, and institutional sanitation.
- Working knowledge of inspection methods and investigation techniques as applied in environmental health.
- Ability to analyze and comprehend a wide variety of technical and administrative regulations, records, and reports.
- Ability to exercise sound judgement and deal tactfully with a wide range of public contracts while enforcing public health laws and regulations.
- Ability to motivate and educate business and property owners and the consuming public in matters
 related to protecting and promoting public health.
- Ability to present formal environmental health training programs.
- Ability to develop and express ideas and opinions concisely, comprehensively, and clearly in oral and written from.
- Ability to independently plan and schedule work activities.
- Ability to apply environmental health knowledge and techniques in the investigation of environmental health problems.

Minimum Training & Experience:

<u>Required Minimum Training</u>: Graduation from a four-year college or university with 30 semester hours of course work in the physical or biological sciences and two years of exposure in environmental health; or a four-year or Master's degree in environmental health from a program which is accredited by the National Accreditation Council for Environmental Health Curricula of the National Environmental Health Association and one year of experience in environmental health.

NOTE: All degrees shall be from an accredited institution. Official transcripts will be required upon hire.

Necessary Special Qualification: Approval for registration as a Sanitarian or registration as a Sanitarian by the North Carolina Board of Sanitarian Examiners prior to employment.