GETTING EXPERIENCE

The BSEH program requires 3 credit hours of practicum or internship within an environmental health setting. Paid or unpaid internships are available in and outside of Hampton Roads during the summer between junior and senior year. Graduates can sit for the professional licensing examination in environmental health.

Become An EH Professional

EH professionals serve to protect the public and workers from physical, chemical, radiological, and biological hazards. Over 90% of graduates obtain entry level positions prior to or within 6 months of completion. They work in diverse settings where each day presents new challenges. Find yourself in a rewarding career where you are able to directly help people and the environment.

RESOURCES

More information about career fields can be found at:

American Society of Safety Engineers
http://www.asse.org/student-services/

American Industrial Hygiene Association
https://www.aiha.org/get-involved/studentsyoung-professionals/Pages/default.aspx

National Environmental Health Association
http://www.neha.org/professionaldevelopment/students

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WHAT IS ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH?

Environmental Health (EH) is the study and management of factors that adversely affect the environment and the health and well-being of humans.

About Our Program

The Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health (BSEH) degree is accredited by the National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council.

The program prepares students to enter a workforce with a broad spectrum of opportunities or an advanced education program.

“I have always been drawn to healthcare and taking care of others. I actually stumbled across the curriculum for the BSEH program. While researching careers, I was excited with the variety of options and outlook. They seemed to be a perfect fit for me. So, I was sold—I dove right in.”

-Danielle Bush
ODU Class of 2016

Why Choose A Career In Environmental Health?

EH offers job diversity, successful job placement and overall satisfaction. They work in local, state, and federal health and environmental agencies such as the FDA, USDA, EPA, OSHA, NASA, and DOD. Hospitals, laboratories, and other organizations also hire EH professionals.

CAREERS

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST

EH professionals are needed to help protect human health and the environment. They are responsible for education, consultation, and enforcement relating to local, state and federal laws, regulations, and standards.

They govern the safety and sanitation of air, water, milk, food, solid, hazardous and infectious wastes, sewage, housing, institutional environments, and other health hazards. They’re actively involved in environmental quality and disease prevention associated with environmental factors.

Job growth in this area continues to increase as environmental threats continue to rise, as there is a continued need to monitor the quality of the environment, interpret the impact of human actions, investigate threats to terrestrial and aquatic life, and develop strategies for restoring ecosystems.

BLS 2016 Median Salary: $68,910

INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST

IH professionals work throughout an organization to reduce and resolve safety hazards and risks by implementing standards to maintain a safe workplace. Their work improves morale, safe practices, production, and lowers workers’ compensation and liability costs.

They conduct health hazard evaluations, perform health effects/risk assessment research, and manage health programs in industries or governmental organizations. They anticipate, recognize, evaluate, control, and eliminate health hazards in industry, the community, or the environment. They monitor for hazards such as lead, noise and diseases.

Job growth in this area continues to rise as regulations are reinforced to treat workers ethically and maximize safety to minimize avoidable accidents.

BLS 2016 Median Salary: $70,210

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY SPECIALIST/SAFETY MANAGER

OHS professionals analyze work environments and procedures to adhere to regulations on health, safety, and environment. They anticipate, identify and evaluate hazardous conditions and practices in the workplace.

They develop, implement, administer, measure and evaluate the effectiveness of hazard control programs. More duties include managing safety programs, conducting accident investigations, performing job hazard analysis, providing safety training and providing emergency response.

Job outlook in this area is projected to grow with the demand to ensure employers are adhering to existing and new regulations.

BLS 2016 Median Salary: $70,920