Registration as an Environmental Health Specialist requires three steps:

1. **Education** - minimum a Bachelor’s degree from a four year college including 30 semester units of basic science coursework (courses must be for “science” or “biology” majors);
2. **Training and Experience** - up to 18 months depending on education typically at a local county environmental health department;
3. **Comprehensive Exam** - held three times a year in Sacramento and Los Angeles area.

Qualified college graduates must apply to the California Department of Public Health and have their transcripts evaluated by CPS HR Consulting before applying for a trainee position. State and county environmental health agencies and private industry hire REHSs. You can find employment opportunities at the following websites www.ceha.org/jobs.html, www.ccdeh.com/jobs and https://calcupa.org/jobs/index.html

Four state universities currently offer Bachelor’s and/or Master’s degrees in Environmental Health: California State University (CSU) at Fresno, CSU Northridge, CSU San Bernardino, and San Diego State University.

Applicants will need their domestic college transcripts evaluated by CPS HR Consulting by applying online at https://ehspay.cpshr.us/ and sending them official, sealed transcripts. The process generally takes 4 weeks. Course specific questions should be directed to (916) 471-3522 or ehsmailbox@cpshr.us. CPS HR Consulting will accept college transcripts in electronic form directly from the college or university using this same email address.

Foreign students will need a “course by course” evaluation of their college transcripts from a credential evaluation service to submit with the application to CDPH -REHS a list of credential evaluation services is available at the REHS website.

Once you’ve had your transcripts evaluated, CDPH will issue a Letter of Eligibility. This letter will allow you to apply for any open position as an EHS Trainee and will outline the experience and training you need to qualify for the examination.

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