



National Environmental Health Science and Protection  
Accreditation Council (EHAC)

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## The Value of an Environmental Health Degree

Do you want protect the environment? Create safe work spaces for your colleagues? Help others be safe in times of emergency? **Do you want to make a difference?** If you enjoy math, science, and solving problems, a degree in environmental health is for you. EHS degrees prepare you to be an effective leader in a company or community, and make both human lives and the environment safer.

- 91% job placement rate for EHAC graduates
- Average starting salary of \$55,000
- Paid internships while in school
- Make a difference in the health of humans
- Quickly rise through management ranks



*“Leading companies and corporations recognize the value of providing employees with a safe and healthy workplace, and continually improving the environmental impact of their products and manufacturing processes. Employees that are professionally focused on these same values are instrumental in the day to day conduct of business and furthering of these company goals. Employment and career opportunities in Occupational Safety, Industrial Hygiene, Environmental Science, Conservation, Ergonomics, and Disability Management are examples of opportunity for students interested in the field of Environmental Health and Safety.”*

**Thomas Deem**

*Senior Leader - Environment, Health and Safety  
The Boeing Company, Arizona*

## Applicable Curriculum

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EHAC certified Environmental Health Programs require a firm educational foundation in the natural sciences of biology, chemistry, physics, along with toxicology, risk assessment, and statistics. This combined with a requirement for the completion of a practical, hands-on internship results in graduates that are well prepared to immediately enter the environmental health workforce or continue their academic journeys. Non-accredited programs often do not have this balance and graduates are not prepared for jobs that require an integration of hard science and conceptual thinking.

## Professional Certification Preparation

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Graduates of EHAC accredited programs meet the criteria to take the Registered Environmental Health Specialist/Registered Sanitarian (REHS/RS) exam upon graduation.

## Scholarship Opportunities

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The Association of Environmental Health Academic Programs (AEHAP), the National Science Foundation (NSF), and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offer scholarships only available to students attending EHAC accredited institutions.

## Career & Internships

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Students in EHAC accredited programs are eligible to participate in the United States Public Health Service (USPHS) sponsored JRCOSTEP internship program. They also have exclusive access to two valuable internships: the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Summer Program in Environmental Health (SUPEH) and the National Environmental Health Association's (NEHA) National Environmental Public Health Internship Program (NEPHIP).

Graduation from an accredited program is required to enter the US Public Health Service (USPHS) and US Army and Navy Environmental Science and Engineering careers.

## Variety of Opportunities

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Attending an EHAC accredited program prepares students for a wide range of careers. Some common careers include:

### Government Positions

- Local and State Health Departments
- US EPA
- US Public Health Service
- CDC
- OSHA

### Private Sector

- Automobile Manufacturing
- Petro Chemical
- Pharmaceutical
- Alternative Energy Manufacturing

### Armed Forces

- Army
- Navy
- Air Force
- Coast Guard

### Research

- Tier 1 Universities
- Private Universities
- Nonprofit Institutions
- NASA