



## **Toe River Health Environmental Health Specialist, REHS Position**

Toe River Health is currently accepting applications for a full-time Environmental Health Specialist.

### **Position Summary:**

This position promotes public health programs through education, surveillance, consultation, inspection and enforcement of state and local environmental health laws, rules, and regulations. Employees work with responsibility in a variety of environmental health programs, or as specialists with the majority of time spent in a single program area with some additional responsibility in other programs. The bulk of the position will maintain duties in Food and Lodging Institutions and activities such as inspections. This position performs inspections and grades food and lodging establishments for overall sanitation. This includes restaurants, meat markets, schools, hospitals, summer camps, institutional food service, senior nutrition sites, school buildings, public school lunchrooms, lodging facilities, food stands, nursing and rest homes, local confinement facilities, residential care, adult day facilities, summer feeding sites, swimming pools, resident camps, temporary food establishments, and child day care facilities.

### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Perform routine inspections, visits and critical violation visits to ensure that food and lodging facilities, institutions, childcare centers, schools etc. are meeting standards as mandated by state laws and rules in order to reduce the incidences and threat of food borne outbreaks.
- Enforce compliance with state, local and federal environmental and public health laws and regulations.
- Investigate environmental related complaints, health related nuisances, and reports of food borne illness and contaminated food in order to prevent the spread of communicable disease.
- Conduct consultative visits with current, or potential, establishment owners/operators to build rapport as well as to educate on Environmental Health requirements.
- Take appropriate permit action when facilities fail to comply with minimum sanitation standards, and/or when an imminent health hazard exists.
- Communicate with private citizens, businesses, municipal, county, state, and industrial officials.
- Perform follow up visits to various locations.
- Educates the general public concerning environmental and public health matters.
- Keep detailed and accurate inspection records as mandated by the state.
- Participate in educational courses offered to industry.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

### **Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:**

- Working knowledge of environmental health laws, policies, procedures, statues, rules as well as job-specific program areas.
- Working knowledge of inspection methods and investigation techniques as applied in environmental health.
- Considerable knowledge of the design of on-site wastewater treatment systems, protection of private well water supplies, waterborne disease, vector control, food sanitation, foodborne disease, communicable disease, institutional sanitation, and swimming pool safety.
- Ability to exercise sound judgment and deal tactfully with a wide range of public contacts while enforcing public health laws and rules.
- Ability to independently plan and schedule work activities.
- Ability to motivate and educate business and property owners and the public in matters related to protecting public health.

- Ability to analyze and comprehend a wide variety of technical and administrative regulations, records and reports.
- Ability to work with people from every social, political, economic, and professional background imaginable.
- Effective oral and written communication skills desired.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Health from an appropriately accredited university and one year of experience in environmental health; or Bachelor's Degree from an appropriately accredited university with 30 semester hours of course work in the physical or biological sciences and one (1) years of work experience in environmental health (if degree is not in Environmental Health, please submit a copy of transcript with application).

Must possess a valid NC Driver's License and have reliable transportation.

**License or Certification Required by Statute or Regulation:**

Must be eligible to meet the requirements for registration or license as an Environmental Health Specialist as outlined in Article 4, Chapter 90A of the North Carolina Statutes. Appointees must be eligible and apply for registration as an Environmental Health Specialist Intern within 60 days of employment. Appointees may remain registered as an Environmental Health Specialist Intern until registration as a Registered Environment Health Specialist or up to three years.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

Registered Environmental Health Specialist candidates with current State authorizations in Food and Lodging.

**Schedule:**

Scheduled work hours will be within normal health department hours, which are 8:00 am – 4:30 pm Monday – Friday.

**Salary commensurate with experience. Excellent benefits package available.**

**Position Open till Filled**

This position is subject to employment reference checks, drug tests and background check.

**Interested applicants can apply by submitting a NC State Application and resume to:**

Toe River Health District  
130 Forest Service Drive  
Bakersville, North Carolina 28705  
Attention: Human Resources OR Email to: [elaina.brown@toeriverhealth.org](mailto:elaina.brown@toeriverhealth.org)

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