



PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

What are Public Health Inspectors?

Public Health Inspectors protect the public from physical, chemical and biological hazards. These professionals evaluate and monitor health and safety hazards and develop strategies to control risks in public places. They ensure compliance with government regulations regarding sanitation, pollution control, and food safety.

Public Health Inspectors typically have the following job responsibilities:

- Working with groups and communities to resolve environmental health problems;
- Assessing plans and specifications for various types of building;
- Conducting environmental surveys and inspections;
- Conducting monitoring programs of the natural environment to identify sources of pollution;
- Carrying out and interpret various tests;
- Ensuring control of rodents, insects, communicable diseases, and air and water pollution;
- Inspecting restaurants, food processing facilities and liquor outlets; and
- Inspecting water systems and sewage disposal systems

A career in Public Health Inspection requires:

- Good communication skills;
- Good analytical skills;
- Capacity for independent critical thinking;
- Scientific orientation; and
- Concern for the health and well-being of the community

How do you become a Public Health Inspector?

In order to secure employment as a Public Health Inspector in Saskatchewan, the following is required:

- A bachelor degree in environmental health/science
- The successfully completion of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI) qualifying examination.

Public Health Inspectors enforce *The Public Health Act, 1994*. Its regulations can apply to public accommodations, swimming pools, bakeshops, personal service facilities, milk and certain milk products, plumbing and drainage, public eating establishments, sanitation, private sewage disposal and water supplies

Where are Environmental Health and Science Programs?

Saskatchewan

The First Nations University of Canada at the University of Regina Campus

Environmental Health and Science Program
<http://www.firstnationsuniversity.ca/Science/ENHS.htm>

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British Columbia

British Columbia Institute of Technology
www.bcit.ca

Alberta

Concordia University College of Alberta
www.envirohealth.concordia.ab.ca

Ontario

Ryerson Polytechnical University
www.ryerson.ca

What do you need to get into the FNUC Environmental Health and Science Program?

First Nations University of Canada (FNUC) accepts applications from both Aboriginal and non-aboriginal high school or post-secondary graduates with the following **Minimum Requirements**:

- Grade 12 with a minimum average of 65%;
- English or English Language Arts A30; English or English Language Arts B30;
- Algebra 30 or Mathematics B30;
- Physics 30.
- Geo-Trig 30 or Mathematics C30;
- One of Biology 30 or Chemistry 30 or

Mature students (age 21 and over) may be admitted under the University Entrance Program, if they are missing any these requirements.

Please check with other institutions for their entrance requirements.

What do Public Health Inspectors study?

Some of the courses in the First Nations University of Canada program are:

- Biology, Chemistry, Physics
 - Computer Science
 - Health administration
 - International health issues
 - Research
 - Food hygiene and protection
 - Community health and epidemiology
 - Land use and management
 - Environmental health law and ethics
 - Pest control
 - Environmental toxicology
 - Environmental health methodology and toxicology
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Where do Public Health Inspectors work?

- Regional Health Authorities;
 - Government;
 - Industry;
 - Sewage and water treatment plants; and
 - Agencies interested in industrial health
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What is the salary of Public Health Inspectors?

Public Health Inspectors' pay rates are according to the Health Sciences Association of Saskatchewan/SAHO collective agreement. <http://www.hsa-sk.com/>

Related Links

Saskatchewan Environment Resource Management (SE)

www.se.gov.sk.ca

Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors:

www.ciphi.ca

Please check the Saskatchewan Health Bursary webpage for information about bursaries for health science students: http://www.health.gov.sk.ca/hhrp_bursaries.html
