

HEALTHY HOMES SPECIALIST CREDENTIAL

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Earn a Healthy Homes Specialist Credential

Few professional fields are growing and changing as rapidly as environmental health. Together with the National Center for Healthy Housing, the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) created the **Healthy Homes Specialist (HHS) credential**. This complex and challenging field of study gives professionals the personal satisfaction of knowing their efforts directly and positively impact people's health and their communities. They are integral players with multi-faceted skills that are in high demand in government, nonprofits, and private industries.

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Be the Key to Healthier Homes

HHS credential holders understand the connection between housing hazards and health. This special designation signifies that you are an expert who works with families to identify problems that threaten their health and well-being and make recommendations for resolving these problems.

The HHS credential signifies that an individual has demonstrated competency in the seven principles of healthy housing and how to put them into practice in homes. HHS credential holders are experts in keeping homes:

Dry • Clean • Pest-free • Contaminant-free • Ventilated • Safe • Maintained

The HHS exam tests your understanding of the connections between health and housing, enabling you to take a holistic approach to identify and resolve these problems.

Who Should Consider Getting an HHS Credential?

- Environmental health professionals
- Health department and housing agency staff
- Certified home inspectors
- Public health nurses
- Pest management professionals
- Lead, radon, asbestos, and mold risk professionals
- Home performance specialists
- Home energy raters
- Weatherization professionals



The benefit of obtaining a nationally recognized credential is the transferability across state lines and the requirement for ongoing continuing education hours.

**Find out more if the HHS is right for you:
www.neha.org/credential/hhs.html**

A Professional Credential From NEHA

Since 1937 NEHA has been leading the way for practitioners to achieve a set of defined competencies, evidenced through testing and maintained through continuing education. These benchmarks of excellence have become the gold standard in recognizing those who are uniquely equipped to handle the wide breadth of environmental health issues. NEHA's long-standing history in credentialing means that our standards are high and individuals with a NEHA credential have mastered a body of knowledge and acquired practical experience to perform relevant work responsibilities.

As an impartial, third-party endorsement of an individual's professional knowledge and experience, a credential stands in support of a candidate's resume and professional references. It serves as verification that a professional has achieved a baseline level of competency in his or her subject matter.

HHS Content Curriculum

The HHS credential not only helps one to prove competency and capability in a given field, but also demonstrates to one's community and employers that the individual is competent, properly trained, and equipped to carry out his or her duties. To sit for a credential exam, an individual must be approved after submitting an application with the required documents.

The HHS credential identifies six different content areas in which a credential holder must demonstrate having knowledge and skill:

1. Outreach, Identification, and Intake of Clients
2. Interface With Household and/or Building Representative
3. Physical Environment Assessment
4. Synthesize Building and Client Findings and Provide Conclusions and Recommendations
5. Implementation of Interventions
6. Evaluation of Project

Learn More About the HHS

NEHA offers additional details on credential eligibility, application, study references, training courses, examination description and locations, and maintaining your credential through continuing education.

Visit neha.org/credential/hhs.html
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