

	<b>Environmental Health Associate (NEW May 1, 2024)</b>	<b>Environmental Health Specialist</b>
<b>Degrees Required by NCGS 90A</b>	<p><b>Associates</b>, bachelor's, or graduate degree from an EHAC program.</p> <p><b>Associates</b>, bachelor's, or graduate degree with a minimum of <b>15 semester hours</b> of physical, biological, natural, life or health sciences.</p>	<p>Bachelor's or graduate degree from an EHAC program or,</p> <p>Bachelor's degree or graduate degree in public health and one year of experience in the field of environmental health practice; or</p> <p>Bachelor's degree or graduate degree with a minimum of 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours in the physical, biological, natural, life, or health sciences <b>and</b> one year of experience in the field of environmental health practice.</p>
<b>License or Certification Required</b>	Complete specialized instruction and training offered by the environmental health section of DPH.	Must be eligible to meet the requirements for registration or licensed as an Environmental Health Specialist.
<b>Environmental Health Duties Allowable under NCGS 90A</b>	<p><b>Can perform</b> the following duties <b>under the direct supervision of a registered environmental health specialist 90A-52 (b)(2)</b>:</p> <p>Permitting and inspections of private water wells.</p> <p>Inspections of Category I food establishments, temporary food establishments, and limited food service establishments.</p> <p>Inspections of lodging establishments.</p> <p>Permitting and inspections of any Type II or Type III on-site wastewater systems, including system layouts and existing wastewater systems.</p>	<p>Can perform all the duties listed in the Associate column, <b>plus</b>:</p> <p>Permit or inspect Type IV, V, and VI wastewater systems (i.e., more advanced systems).</p> <p>Inspect Category II, III, and IV food establishments (the majority of restaurants in NC that pose a higher risk of foodborne illness).</p> <p>Inspect childcare facilities.</p> <p>Inspect tattooing facilities.</p> <p>Conduct lead investigations for lead-poisoned children.</p> <p>Inspect public swimming pools and spas.</p>

	<p>Inspections of migrant housing. Inspections of private, public, and religious schools.</p> <p>Inspections of local confinement facilities.</p> <p>Inspections of residential care facilities</p>	
<p><b>Environmental Health Practice area restrictions</b></p>	<p><b>An Environmental Health Associate <u>cannot</u> perform the following duties:</b></p> <p>Permit or inspect Type IV, V, and VI wastewater systems (i.e., more advanced systems).</p> <p>Inspect Category II, III, and IV food establishments (the majority of restaurants in NC that pose a higher risk of foodborne illness).</p> <p>Inspect childcare facilities.</p> <p>Inspect tattooing facilities.</p> <p>Conduct lead investigations for lead-poisoned children.</p> <p>Inspect public swimming pools and spas.</p>	<p>None</p>