

Portage County Combined General Health District

JOB POSTING



Position:	Environmental Health Specialist in Training / Registered Environmental Health Specialist (Water Quality)
Division:	Environmental Health Division
Location:	Ravenna, Ohio
Job Status:	Full-Time, Non-Exempt, Classified (One-year probationary period).
Work Schedule:	Monday–Friday, 8:00 AM–4:30 PM. Hours may vary; occasional evenings or weekends may be required.
Salary Range:	Environmental Health Specialist in Training (EHSIT) \$21.00 per hour Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) \$23.00-\$28.00 per hour.
Reports To:	William Duck, Environmental Health Supervisor

Are you passionate about public health and making a difference in your community? The Portage County Combined General Health District has an immediate opening for the position of **Environmental Health Specialist in Training or Registered Environmental Health Specialist**. If you're seeking a fulfilling career with work-life balance, professional growth, and the opportunity to positively impact community health, then we want to hear from you!

This position supports public health by inspecting, monitoring, and ensuring compliance with environmental public health programs including household sewage treatment system and private water well regulations, contributing directly to the protection of community water resources and the promotion of environmental safety across Portage County.

Make a lasting impact on your community by protecting Portage County's water quality and public health.

The Portage County Health District's Mission is to **promote** public health, **prevent** disease, and **protect** the environment, utilizing leadership and partnership to empower individuals and communities to achieve optimal health.

Portage County Combined General Health District benefits:

- Longevity Pay recognizing years of dedicated service to the organization.
- Schedules to support a work/life balance.
- Comprehensive benefits, including medical, dental, and vision coverage.
- Life insurance and short- and long-term disability options are also offered.
- Vacation time, personal time, sick time, comp time and paid holidays.
- Enrollment in OPERS retirement system. The employee contributes 10% of their salary and PCHD contributes 14% of the employee's salary. Visit the OPERS website for more information.
- Employee wellness initiatives and EAP support.
- Employee gratitude programs and recognition initiatives that celebrate contributions, milestones, and achievements throughout the year.
- Annual clothing allowance to support professional work attire.
- Access to Skillsoft, a comprehensive online training platform offering professional development, leadership, and technical skill courses.
- Professional development opportunities and tuition reimbursement.
- A workplace culture that values growth, collaboration, and community impact.

Job Description:

Implement environmental public health programs through, consultations, instruction, investigation, inspection, and evaluation in the field of environmental public health science to include, at a minimum, food safety, swimming pools, campgrounds & RV parks, private water, household sewage, semi-public commercial wastewater, solid & infectious waste, construction & demolition debris, body art, vector control, school health, and public health nuisance complaints. **Maintain** and **track** required inspections and activities for performance management purposes.

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Identify information by categorizing, estimating, recognizing differences or similarities, and detecting changes in circumstances or events. **Gather** information by observing, receiving, and otherwise obtaining information from all relevant sources. **Evaluate** information to determine compliance with standards by using relevant information and individual judgment to determine whether events or processes comply with laws, regulations, or standards. **Monitor** processes, materials, or surroundings and reviewing information from materials, events, or the environment, to detect or assess problems. **Estimate** sizes, distances, and quantities; determining time, costs, resources, or materials needed to perform a work activity.

Document and record information in accordance with applicable regulations by entering, transcribing, recording, storing, or maintaining information in written or electronic form. Compile, code, categorize, calculate, tabulate, audit, or verify information or data. Use computers and computer systems (including hardware and software) to conduct inspections and field work, enter data, process and summarize information, write violations and issue notices, and write reports, create presentations. Undertake enforcement actions as needed.

Communicate with supervisors, peers, or subordinates and people outside the organization, representing the organization to customers, the public, government, and other external sources. Assist in educational activities. This information can be exchanged in person, in writing, or by telephone or e-mail, and public presentations.

Review plans and designs for facilities and properties, as applicable, to ensure compliance with statutes and regulations. Perform **other** environmental public health related activities as necessary.

Preferred candidates will have experience or interest in wastewater management, onsite sewage treatment systems, or environmental sampling.

Organizational Duties:

Participate in quality improvement team projects and quality improvement training initiatives as applicable/required and incorporate the principles of quality improvement into daily work activities. Other duties as assigned. Please note this job description is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive list of activities, duties or responsibilities that are required of the employee for this job. Duties, responsibilities, and activities may change at any time with or without notice.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in environmental health, environmental science, biology, or a closely related field.
- Certificate of registration as a Registered Environmental Health Specialist or ability to obtain an Environmental Health Specialist in Training (EHSIT) credential per Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4736.
- Valid driver's license, proof of insurance and reliable transportation
- Ability to pass drug screening and background check.
- Must be able to have regular and reliable attendance.
- Operate a motor vehicle as needed to perform the essential functions.

Skills/ Abilities:

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Excellent interpersonal, leadership, and organizational skills.
- Creative and effective problem-solving skills.
- Ability to accept constructive feedback and to work collaboratively with employees, management, and other stakeholders.
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite
- Ability to prepare meaningful, concise, and accurate reports.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality in accordance with laws and agency policies.

Pre-Employment Testing Requirements: Criminal Background Check, Pre-employment Drug Testing

Work Environment:

While performing the duties of this job, the typical work environment will consist of substantial field work as well as, an office setting. The various work sites could include uneven terrain, potential exposure to inclement weather, extreme temperatures, insects, wildlife, unpleasant smells or odors, excessive levels of dust and dirt or exposure to fumes, airborne particles, pesticides, toxins, raw sewage and other elements of outdoor work. The general office setting located in the Health District

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requires sedentary to light work which may include walking, climbing, reaching, and talking. Must be capable of lifting 30 pounds. The noise level in the work environment is usually quiet to moderate.

Apply:

Join our dedicated and mission-driven team at the Portage County Combined General Health District.

Interested applicants should submit the following:

1. Resume
2. Cover letter
3. [PCHD Employment Application](#)

Deadline for Applying: Open until filled.

All applicants offered positions with PCHD must submit to and pass a background check and drug screen before beginning work. Applicants with disabilities may contact Sarah Meduri, Administrator, at Smeduri@portagehealth.net or 330-296-9919 ext. 109 to request and arrange accommodations.