GETTING EXPERIENCE

The BSEH program requires 3 credit hours of practicum/internship within an EH setting. Paid or unpaid internships are available in and outside of Hampton Roads during the summer between junior and senior year. Graduates can sit for the professional licensing examination in environmental health.

BECOME AN EH PROFESSIONAL

EH professionals serve to protect the public and workers from physical, chemical, radiological, and biological hazards. Over 90% of graduates obtain entry-level positions within six months of graduation. They work in diverse settings where each day presents a new challenge and opportunity to make a difference. Learn more about rewarding careers in this field and how you can help people and the environment.

RESOURCES

More information about career fields can be found at:

American Society of Safety Engineers
http://www.asse.org/student-services/

American Industrial Hygiene Association
https://www.aiha.org/get-involved/studentsyoung-professionals/Pages/default.aspx

National Environmental Health Association
http://www.neha.org/professionaldevelopment/students

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Poster presentation at the regional American Society for Safety Engineers meeting.

"I was able to learn new things in regards to the field, listen to great speakers, and network with many professionals from different locations."

- Rebecca Hopkins
ODU Class of 2016
WHAT IS ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH?

Environmental Health (EH) is the study and management of factors that adversely affect the environment and the health and well-being of humans. ODU’s BSEH program is accredited by the National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council and encompasses a variety of disciplines in the preparation of environmental health professionals and specialists.

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

The Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health degree is accredited by the National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council (NEHAC).

ODU has the only accredited environmental health program in Virginia. We prepare students for a broad spectrum of opportunities in the workforce and advanced degrees. Come join this exciting career field!

“\[I have always been drawn to health care and taking care of others. I actually stumbled across the curriculum for the BSEH program. While researching careers, I was excited with the variety of options and outlook. They seemed to be a perfect fit for me. So, I was sold – I dove right in.\]

-Danielle Bush
ODU Class of 2016

CAREERS

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST

EH professionals are responsible for education, consultation and enforcement relating to local, state and federal environmental health laws, regulations and standards. They work with air, water, milk, food, solid, hazardous and infectious wastes, sewage, housing, vectors, and other health hazards. If you had a safe meal in a restaurant today, thank an Environmental Health Specialist!

Median Salary: $68,910

INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST (IH)

IH professionals anticipate, recognize, evaluate and control occupational exposures. They conduct health hazard evaluations, perform health effects and risk assessments, and manage health programs in industries or governmental organizations. The next time you’re at the airport, look for the professional out on the flight line measuring the jet noise; they’re an Industrial Hygienist!

Median Salary: $70,210

CHOOSE A CAREER IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

EH offers job diversity, successful job placement and overall satisfaction. They work in local, state, and federal health and environmental agencies such as the FDA, USDA, EPA, OSHA, NASA, and DOD. Hospitals, laboratories, and other organizations also hire EH professionals.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY SPECIALIST/SAFETY MANGER

Health and safety professionals manage safety programs, conduct accident investigations, perform Job Hazard Analysis, provide safety training, and provide emergency response services. If you or your parent came home from work today without an injury, then the Safety Manager did their job!

Median Salary: $70,920