

Get started

Civil Service laws and rules govern how health departments hire staff. The process may seem daunting, but applying really is easier than it first appears. Most hiring is done by interviewing candidates from an existing list who have completed some kind of examination. Sometimes people are hired directly, but it's a good idea to take examinations and get on lists if you plan on a career in government service. It's important to review each job announcement to determine the steps you need to take to get hired.

- ☑ *Know the civil service process*
- ☑ *Identify jobs of interest*
- ☑ *Get information on relevant examinations and job openings*
- ☑ *Apply for current examinations and openings*



Find out more

The New York State Department of Health's employment website For information about working in public health. www.nyhealth.gov/employment. Check out the **Public Health Works!** link for more details about environmental health work.

You can also call the New York State Department of Health employment office at (518) 473-3329 or email them at resume@health.state.ny.us

StateJobsNY posts state examinations and job openings and has links to each of the county civil service offices. www.statejobsny.com

County civil service offices have their own information about county examinations and job openings.

The New York State Association of County Health Officials web site also lists county jobs. www.nysacho.org

New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene employment website
www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/hr/career.shtml

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New York Environmental Health Careers

Opportunities with Health Departments
for Science and Engineering Graduates



FEEL GOOD ABOUT WORK



What could be more important than protecting air, food and water?

Picture yourself part of a workforce that deals with health concerns related to the environment. Your work could directly improve someone's housing conditions or workplace health and safety. Your efforts might improve the health of children, or help communities respond to emergencies. Because of you, people will be able to live, work and play in healthier environments.

Examples of our work

- **Safeguard our food** by inspecting restaurants and training workers in safe food handling practices.
- **Protect drinking water** by developing design standards, reviewing engineering plans or evaluating system operations.
- **Assure recreational safety** by inspecting children's camps or swimming pools.
- **Reduce community health risks** by investigating people's exposure to toxic substances and identifying interventions.
- **Keep NYS health on the cutting edge** by conducting research on topics such as preventing air conditioning systems from causing Legionella outbreaks at hospitals.

A career in environmental health provides excellent opportunities for science and engineering graduates new to the workforce or for seasoned professionals looking for a change.



Get on a career path.

Many people in the field have chosen to work in health departments for their entire careers. Others have found their experience to be an important stepping stone on their career path. Environmental health careers offer excellent benefits including subsidized health insurance, flexible work hours, generous leave time, outstanding retirement packages, and continual opportunities for training and education.

The demand for qualified professionals exceeds supply.

Positions are available at the New York State Health Department's Center for Environmental Health in Troy, at regional and district offices statewide and in New York's county and city health departments. Science and engineering graduates are employed in a variety of titles such as sanitary and public health engineer, public health sanitarian and technician, research scientist, and public health or radiological health specialist.

