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Circular Letter EHS #2013-68

DATE: December 18, 2013

TO: Directors of Health and Chief Sanitarians

FROM: Robert W. Scully
Supervising Sanitary Engineer
Environmental Engineering Program

RE: Phase I Subsurface Sewage Disposal Certification

Dates: Wednesdays, February 12, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., February 19, 26, and March 5, 12, (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.) at Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU), 144 Farnham Avenue, New Haven, CT. Examination: March 19, 2014 (8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)

The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) is offering the Phase I Subsurface Sewage Disposal Certification program, hosted by SCSU, every Wednesday from February 12 – March 19, 2014. Attendance and successful completion of the examination is required for all regulatory officials involved with sewage disposal matters pursuant to Section 19-13-B103e (b)(2) of the Public Health Code. Attendance is mandatory for certification, and make-up sessions are not offered. We encourage previously certified persons to attend as a refresher.

SCSU is coordinating the Phase I Subsurface Sewage Disposal Certification training, and there is a \$125 charge for each person attending. Course registration must be done on the TrainCT website. After registering for the course online, payment can be made to SCSU by check or credit card. **DO NOT SEND PAYMENTS TO DPH.** Please see enclosed brochure for more information and payment procedures.

For registration questions, contact Blessing Adukwu at SCSU at 203-392-6966 or adukwub1@owls.southernct.edu.

Please note that if the Wednesday scheduled class should be cancelled due to weather, the class will be held on Friday of the same week.

cc: Suzanne Blancaflor, M.S., M.P.H., Chief, Environmental Health Section, DPH
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If you require aid or accommodation to participate fully and fairly in this meeting, please phone (860) 509-7293

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**Southern Connecticut
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present

**The 2014
Environmental
Health training
program**

Endorsed by:

**The Connecticut Association
Directors of Health**

**The Connecticut Environmental
Health Association
&**

**The Connecticut
Public Health Association**



**CONTACT
INFORMATION**

Questions regarding the Food Protection segment of the course should be referred to:
**Cynthia Costa
State of Connecticut
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860-509-7396.**

Questions regarding the Sewage Disposal segment of the course should be referred to:
**Amanda Clark
State of Connecticut
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860-509-7368.**

All other questions should be referred to:
**Dr. William G. Faraclas
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**BASIC
DETAILS**



*The course meets every
Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.*
With make-up days on Fridays.

2014 Program Dates

- Full course (\$500.00) January 8- April 30.
- Both Food and Sewage segments (\$250.00) January 8- March 19.
- Food Protection segment only (\$125.00) January 8- February 12.
- Sewage Disposal segment only (\$125.00) February 12- March 19.
- General Environmental Health Topics (Excluding Food and Sewage) (\$250.00) March 19- April 30.

Classes are held on the campus of Southern Connecticut State University. Information on parking and other practical issues will be provided upon registration for the course.



Questions & Answers

What exactly is the Environmental Health Training Program (EHTP)?

The EHTP course is designed to help prepare and train sanitarians, those presently employed in local health departments and those aspiring to be employed in local health departments in a variety of areas important to the field of environmental health. Topics covered in this course include, but are not limited to, food sanitation, sewage disposal, and general environmental health topics such as lead, water, and asbestos.

How will taking the entire course benefit me?

In addition to greatly increasing one's knowledge in the area of environmental health, successful completion of the course results in a 6-month reduction in the amount of time an individual must be employed in a health department before sitting for the Registered Sanitarian (R.S.) exam. Successful completion of the entire course also makes those aspiring to work in the field more marketable for entering the workforce.

Do I have to take the entire course or can I pick and choose the sections that best meet my needs?

The EHTP course is designed to meet the needs of its students. Therefore, the entire course or any combination of the three sections offered can be taken. Again, the three sections are Food Sanitation, Sewage Disposal and General Environmental Health Topics.

How will taking the Food Sanitation portion of the course benefit me?

Successful completion of the Food Sanitation portion of the course shall make those employed in local health departments eligible for the field certification activities scheduled and conducted by the CT Department of Public Health, which lead to certification. Although successful completion of this course does not automatically lead to certification, it is the first step in the certification process.

After I complete the Food Sanitation part of the course, what else must I do to become certified?

Food Inspection Certification consists of two components: 1) classroom training and 2) field certification. Successful completion of this course satisfies the classroom training component for certification only. Candidates for field certification must possess a Bachelor's degree and be sponsored by a local director of health. In lieu of the education requirement, three years experience in a regulatory food protection program, acceptable to the CT Department of Public Health Food Protection Program, may be approved. Candidates for field certification shall not be involved in the ownership or management of a food establishment located within their jurisdiction. Please call the CT Department of Public Health Food Protection Program at (860)509-7396 if you have any questions regarding the classroom training component or field certification.

How will taking the Sewage Disposal portion of the course benefit me?

Successful completion of the Sewage Disposal portion of this course shall meet the requirements for phase 1 Certification by the Department of Public Health, for those *employed in local health departments*.

What if I am not presently employed as a sanitarian?

Those not employed by a local health department may complete the whole course or selected parts and sit for respective exams. Sewage certification and credit for the food sanitation classroom requirement become active for you when you are hired by a local health department and the health director makes a request to the State Department of Public Health

Why is the EHTP course offered at Southern?

The Connecticut Department of Public Health specifically picked SCSU as the site to offer the EHTP course. Such a comprehensive offering is not found anywhere else in Connecticut.

When should I register?

Register as soon as possible. Space is limited.

Once I have registered, what should I do?

Upon receiving your registration and payment, we will post your confirmation on CT Train and will include the exact location of the sessions, directions, and practical information on other topics including parking.



HOW TO ENROLL



REGISTER:

You must register on CT Train (<https://ct.train.org>)

How to Pay:

By Credit Card (preferred)

visit the SCSU "Marketplace store" by clicking on the following: Public Health Workshops

Or

If paying by check:

Make check payable to "SCSU - EHTP",

And mail it to:

Environmental Health Training Program

SCSU Department of Public Health

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