

2022 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TRAINING PROGRAM INFORMATION Sent on Everbridge by DPH FPP 1/7/22

Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU), in collaboration with the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) is offering the Environmental Health Training Program (EHTP) that begins next week. The course is designed to help prepare and train sanitarians, including those presently and aspiring to be employed in local health departments and also results in a six-month reduction in the amount of time an individual must be employed in a health department before sitting for the Registered Sanitarian exam.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the course will again be an online experience and will be held live at the times listed. Sessions will not be recorded for viewing at a later time so it is important that applicants ensure their schedules will not conflict with the course schedule. The exams however, will be given in person on campus, unless conditions require that they be given in another format or at another time.

I. FOOD PROTECTION COURSE

**Food Inspector Training for New Personnel: Based on Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies § 19-13-B42 January 12, 19, 26 and February 2 and 9, 2022 (9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) VIRTUAL
Examination: February 16, 2022 (9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.) at Davis Hall Room 101 at SCSU**

SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE FOOD PROTECTION COURSE INCLUDES: mandatory attendance at all five classes; completion of homework assignments; and a passing grade on the written exam given on 2/16/22. This course will provide prospective food inspectors with the basic knowledge to prepare them for when they become employed by a local health department and are then eligible to begin the formal food inspector certification process. It is the first step required to become a certified food inspector.

In addition to those interested in pursuing food inspector certification Directors of Health who are not certified and food industry personnel may find the course helpful in gaining a better understanding of the current food regulations and the food establishment inspection process. Previously certified persons may benefit from the course as a refresher.

If you have questions concerning the Food Inspector segment, contact Cynthia Costa at the FPP at 860/509- 7297.

I. Phase I SUBSURFACE SEWAGE COURSE

**February 16, 2022 (12:00 PM – 4:00 PM) VIRTUAL
February 23 and March 2, 9, and 16 2022 (9:00 AM – 4:00 PM) VIRTUAL
Examination: March 23, 2022 (9:00 AM – 11:00 AM) at Davis Hall Room 101 at SCSU**

Attendance in all days of the online training 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. We encourage previously certified persons to attend as a refresher.

SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE SUBSURFACE SEWAGE COURSE INCLUDES: mandatory attendance at all five classes; completion of homework assignments; and a passing grade on the written exam given on 3/23/22.

If you have questions concerning the Subsurface Sewage Training course, e-mail Amanda Clark at amanda.clark@ct.gov.

II. GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TOPICS

March 30 and April 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2022 (9:00 – 1:00 pm) Virtual

The General Environmental Health Topics course will provide presentations on topics such as lead, asbestos, drinking water, vector-borne diseases, emergency preparedness, local health infrastructure, hospital and nursing home inspections and licensing. A full schedule can be viewed on CT Train, Resources tab.

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REGISTRATION:

To register, go to <https://ct.train.org> and scroll the *Upcoming Events* to locate the course or search by the course number: 1024557(Food), 1024559(Sewage) and 1014804(General Topics). The cost for the full course (all 3 sections) is \$500, but students may also elect to take one section or two sections. If taken separately the costs are \$175 for Food Protection, \$175 for Subsurface Sewage, and \$150 for General Topics. Detailed registration and payment information is available at the [SCSU Public Health webpage*](#) for all three segments of the EHTP course. **DO NOT SEND PAYMENTS TO DPH.** Payment is made at the [SCSU Marketplace Portal](#).

Classes will be held on Zoom, so all participants will need access to a computer with a camera. Zoom links will be sent several days before the commencement of each of the three course modules.

For registration and general course questions contact Emily Zmek, Program Assistant at Southern Connecticut State University; Email: ehtp@southernct.edu

***IMPORTANT NOTE: At the time this message was sent, the SCSU Public Health webpage had not yet been updated to indicate the switch to virtual training, but the class will be held on ZOOM as noted here.**