

Certifications for Public Health Professionals

	CFOI	CHES	CIC	CPH	Esri	GISP	HL7	REHS/RS	SAS
Accrediting Body	National Environmental Health Association (NEHA)	National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc. (NCHEC)	Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc. (CBIC)	National Board of Public Health Examiners (NBPHE)	Esri	GIS Certification Institute (GISCI)	Health Level Seven International (HL7)	NEHA	SAS
Website	https://www.neha.org/professional-development/credentials/cfoi	https://www.nche.org/ches	https://www.cbic.org/CBIC/Get-Certified/Get-Started.htm	https://www.nbphe.org/	https://www.esri.com/training/certification-find-exam/desktop/	https://www.gisci.org/	http://www.hl7.org/certification/	https://www.neha.org/professional-development/credentials/rehs-credential	https://www.sas.com/en_us/certification.html#foundation-tools
Ideal Candidate	Individuals in environmental health, food safety, or a related field	Health education and promotion of early career professionals	The CIC* credential identifies healthcare professionals who have shown direct responsibility and mastery of knowledge in infection prevention and control	Public health professionals	Individuals working with ArcGIS, GIS, ArcGIS Pro, ArcGIS Enterprise, and ArcGIS Online	Individuals with at least 4 years of geospatial experience	Professionals and Employers in the healthcare industry	Environmental Health professionals	Any professional working with SAS
Eligibility Criteria	Candidate must meet the criteria for the Degree Track OR the Experience Track as follows: Degree Track: - Bachelor's degree, or equivalent, with 30 semester hours/45 quarter hours of science and a college level math class; AND - Two years of experience in environmental health, food safety, or a related field - "In-Training" Status: If you are applying under the degree track, but do not yet have the required work experience. You will have three (3) years to acquire the necessary experience. If you do not acquire the necessary experience in three years, your "In-Training" status will expire. In order to obtain the credential, you will need to once again apply and be found eligible to take the exam. Experience Track: - Bachelor's degree, or equivalent, with 5 years of experience; OR Associate's degree with 15 semester hours of science (one course must be microbiology) and 7 years of experience in environmental health, food safety, or a related field	Primarily focuses exclusively on academic qualifications* Applicants must possess a bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree from an accredited institution of higher education AND one of the following: An official transcript (including course titles) that clearly shows a major in health education. Degree/major must explicitly be in a discipline of "Health Education." OR An official transcript that reflects at least 25 semester credits or 37 quarter hours of course work (with a grade of "C" or better) with specific preparation addressing the Seven Areas of Responsibility and Competency for Health Education Specialists. Applicants for the CHES* exam will have at least 25 semester credits/37 quarter hours of coursework (with a grade of C or better) with specific preparation addressing the Seven Areas of Responsibilities and Competencies for Health Education Specialists.	*Effective as of June 2021 - Directly responsible for infection prevention and control program/activities in a healthcare setting - Completed post-secondary degree in a health related field - At least one full year of full-time employment, OR two years of part-time employment, OR 3000 hours of infection prevention work experience earned during the previous three years - Required practice elements with at least two of the three elements must be accounted for (can be found here: https://www.cbic.org/CBIC/Updated-Eligibility-Requirements1.pdf) - Attestation statement (completed, signed, and dated by supervisor) - Proof of degree (diploma or official/unofficial transcript) - Official current job description signed by immediate supervisor/manager/HR department that must be on an official letterhead entailing duties and requirements of position - CV/Resume	- Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) accredited* or CEPH applicant** - Based on its implementation of coursework relevant to the CEPH foundational competencies, each CEPH-accredited graduate school or program will identify students eligible to take the examination for certification in public health. - CEPH accredited or CEPH applicant alumni that has completed all degree requirements for a Master's or Doctoral level degree - Individuals who have: • At least a bachelor's degree and at least five subsequent years' public health work experience - OR • At least a master's degree and at least three subsequent years' public health work experience	Dependent on desired test with some qualifications yet to be specified. ArcGIS Desktop Entry/ArcGIS Pro Foundation 2101: less than two-years of applied experience ArcGIS Desktop Associate/ArcGIS Pro Associate 2101: Qualified candidates should have two or more years of applied experience Enterprise System Design Professional 2201: Qualified candidates should have approximately 3-5 years of experience. ArcGIS Desktop Professional/Enterprise Geodata Management Professional 19-001: Qualified candidates should have four years of applied experience	The GISP Certification process can be started at any time in your career. However, by final GISP approval, applicants must have 4 years equivalent full-time geospatial experience and meet Portfolio Requirements (minimum point requirements in Education, Experience, and Contributions). Show a knowledge of GIS across a broad area by passing the GISCI Geospatial Core Technical Knowledge Exam, and complete all requirements within 6 years from date of Portfolio approval or passing the Exam.	No prerequisites required, but strongly recommend completing their combination of courses, study resources, and practical experiences (varies by exam).	EH Degree Track: Bachelor's, Master's, or PhD in Environmental Health from EHAC institution. Bachelor's Track: Bachelor's, Master's, or PhD in any subject with 30 semester hours in basic science coursework, college math/statistics course, and 2 or more years experience in EH. "In Training" Track: Bachelor's, Master's, or PhD in any subject with 30 semester hours in basic science coursework, college math/statistics course. Must obtain 2 years of work experience within 3 years.	For base programming certification: Successful candidates should have experience in programming and data management using SAS®9.4 and should be able to: - Read and create data files. - Manipulate and transform data. - Create basic detail and summary reports using Base SAS procedures. - Identify and correct syntax and programming logic errors. Other exams available, requirements vary.
Exam Schedule	- The CFOI exam is offered annually on paper at the NEHA Annual Educational Conference (AEC) & Exhibition - Scheduled online through Pearson VUE's testing locations worldwide (www.pearsonvue.com/neha) *candidate is able to receive unofficial score immediately following conclusion of exam*	Bi-annual: October and April Apply on website *90-day Eligibility option for students scheduled to graduate 90 days within exam date and must show proof of enrollment in accredited institution, a minimum of 25 semester hours relating to Area of Responsibility, and written verification from advisor*	Due to COVID-19, appointment availability at testing centers may be limited. Visit Prometric's Test Center Openings and Test Center Closures pages to see if test centers are open before applying for the exam	The CPH computer-based exam is given all year round. Registering for the examination as a student and alumni: You may complete the online registration (including payment); however, you will not be allowed to schedule an examination appointment until your educational program has electronically confirmed your eligibility as a student or alumni. Registering for the examination under public health work experience: You may complete the online registration https://www.nbphe.org/apply-now/; however, you will not be allowed to schedule an examination appointment until your application is approved.	Exam provided year-round and various test centers and online	Bi-annual: June and December 2022; may have some slight variances. Next exam is June 4-11, 2022. Deadline to apply is two (2) weeks before exam opens.	Throughout the year available both online and onsite	Annually at NEHA AEC & Exhibition or online at convenience	Throughout the year, online or
Exam Cost	Member Rate: Application fee: \$95 Exam fee: \$165 Pearson VUE fee (if applicable): \$110 Non-Member Rate: Application fee: \$130 Exam fee: \$275 Pearson VUE fee (if applicable): \$110	Student Rate: Early Bird Registration: \$225 Regular Registration: \$280 Late Registration: \$335 Non-Student Rate: Early Bird Registration: \$275 Regular Registration: \$330 Late Registration: \$385	\$375	\$385 Retake fee: \$150 *Organizations, schools, and programs of public health and sponsoring employees can sign up for a bulk discount program which reduces exam cost to \$315 or \$250	Core exams: \$250 Specialty exams: \$150 (and must be certified to sit for a specialty) GISCI Geospatial Core Technical Exam Fee: \$250 Exam Application Fee (one-time): \$100	GISP Portfolio Review (Ethics, Education, Experience, Contributions): \$100 GISCI Geospatial Core Technical Exam Fee: \$250 Exam Application Fee (one-time): \$100	HL7 Members: \$210 Non-Members: \$315 Students: \$170	Member Rate: Application fee: \$95 Exam fee: \$185 Pearson VUE fee (if applicable): \$110 Non-Member Rate: Application fee: \$130 Exam fee: \$335 Pearson VUE fee (if applicable):	\$180
Recertification Schedule	Submit a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education every two years; and submit renewal fees every two years	Renewal annually, and recertify every 5 years Renewal requires paying the annual renewal fee. Recertification requires accruing a total of 75 continuing education contact hours by the end of the fifth year. At least 45 of these CECH must come from offerings by NCHEC preapproved Designated Providers (Category I); the remaining 30 CECH may come from other providers (Category II) and reported using the CAT II claim form. 5 of these CECH must fulfill the Continuing Competency Requirement for recertification. This requirement can be met either through a work performance assessment by a supervisor/client (Category II); OR via an end-of-course learning assessment by a designated provider of continuing education (Category I) as part of these 75 credits. CHES* may choose to earn all 75 CECH in Category I	Recertification by examination or continuing education Examination: the internet-based, English only recertification examination must be purchased by November 30 and completed by 11:59 pm Greenwich Mean Time (6:59 pm EST) on December 31 of the CIC's recertifying year Continuing Education (referred to as Infection Prevention Units - IPUs): every 5 years by earning a minimum of 40 units/points outlined in the Candidate Handbook	- Find activities to earn recertification credits listed here: https://www.nbphe.org/stay-certified/ - Submit your recertification application every two years after your certification date. Report at least 50 recertification credits every two years.	N/A	Recertify every three years with no exam needed if in good standing and recertify within the one-year grace period allowed. The online recertification will show 24 points needed in the Points Calculator through Educational, Contributions to the Profession, Work Experience, and Additional points in any category.	N/A	Earn and submit a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education every two years and submit renewal fees	N/A Please note: Some exams may retire as new software is developed and/or enhanced.
Recertification Cost	Member Rate: \$130 Non-Member Rate: \$345	Renewal Fee: \$60, annual	\$375 for recertification examination	\$95	N/A	Annual Fee: \$95	N/A	Members: \$130 Non-Members: \$345	N/A