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Rewarding Employment Opportunity: Environmental Health Specialist I

The Eau Claire City-County Health Department has an exciting full-time opportunity for an Environmental Health Specialist I with our Housing program! With a wide variety of programs and a collaborative dynamic, every member of our team plays a critical role in protecting the health and safety of the people in our community. Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/eauclairehealth.

The beautiful and historic city of Eau Claire is nestled in the heart of the Chippewa River valley and offers miles upon miles of bike trails and endless recreation activities that span all four seasons! Life here moves at a family-friendly pace but still manages to embrace the culture and energy of a progressive college town thanks to a very active theatre, art and music scene inspired by the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Feel free to visit www.eauclairewi.gov to learn even more about this great area!

With your supervisor's support and coordination, your primary duties will be:

- Collaborating with other staff to research baseline community housing data, program evaluation metrics and targeted outreach materials.
- Working independently to conduct surveys and inspections housing units in the City of Eau Claire.
- Generating electronic inspection reports for each housing unit visited.
- Building programs and services that will benefit our community!

Our Housing program ensures that the places we live are safe and sanitary. This is an excellent opportunity for someone with energy and a passion for public service to make a difference in the community!

In the spirit of public service, our environmental health team has committed to ensure:

- The general public is provided with prompt and courteous technical expertise and accurate information during inspection, investigations and consultations;
- Records are accurate, organized and kept appropriately;
- Local codes are enforced and properly applied to individual situations; and
- Best practice by keeping up to date on science and policy.

Other experiences we offer include:

- Conducting investigations and providing consultation for environmental injury or illness complaints emerging from a number of environmental health concerns and human health hazards;
- Assisting in public health preparedness planning and response to emergency events;
- Performing data collection, research, analysis and interpretation related to environmental health and adverse exposures within the community;
- Participating in improving agency performance, processes, programs and interventions through continuous quality improvement; and
- Performing other duties needed by your community.



Your minimum qualifications must include the items listed under the **Basic Environmental Health Knowledge, Skills and Abilities** section at the bottom of the page and:

- Successful completion of a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited university in Environmental Health Microbiology, or other closely related field.
- A valid driver's license and reliable transportation.
- A passion about both public service and a work-life balance.

This full-time 40 hour/week Environmental Health Specialist position has schedule flexibility and a beginning salary of \$22.06/hour. The position is currently funded through December 2018, with a strong potential of renewed funding moving forward. We also offer an excellent benefits package consisting of health and life insurance, matched contributions into a retirement fund, paid holidays, and generous vacation and personal leave.



Please apply at <http://eauclairewi.gov/jobs>.
Applications must be received by August 31st, 2017 to be considered!

Basic Environmental Health Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

1. Ability to conduct field and laboratory tests using chemical reagents, wear personal protective equipment, use inspection equipment, and operate office equipment.
2. Knowledge of basic principles and practices of environmental sanitation, principles and practices

of microbiology, and epidemiology...

3. Knowledge of word-processing, spreadsheet, and database software. HealthSpace and mapping programs are a huge plus!
4. Ability to comprehend and interpret applicable statutes, regulations, ordinances, codes, policies and procedures.
5. Ability to analyze data, recognize meaningful results, and correctly interpret and communicate those results.
6. Ability to communicate effectively, orally and written, with people at various levels both within and outside the department.
7. Access to a motor vehicle and commitment to meet and maintain the County's automobile insurance requirements.
8. Ability to apply time-management skills, exercise independent judgment, and prioritize workload.
9. Ability to accommodate flexible scheduling to address program needs.
10. Ability to effectively collaborate with community partners, co-workers, and representatives of other government agencies.
11. Ability to move through, and work in, environmentally undesirable locations. This may include bending, climbing, walking, or pushing/pulling.
12. Ability to work in adverse weather conditions.
13. Ability to lift and carry up to 50 pounds for short periods.

Eau Claire City-County Health Department is an equal opportunity employer functioning under an affirmative action plan.