



Healthy Homes Specialist Credential

Who?

Is it your job to interview residents about their homes? Do you aim to use a comprehensive approach to assess homes? Do you need to prioritize the hazards that you find and work with resident to develop an action plan? Then you should earn the Healthy Homes Specialist (HHS) Credential.

Why?

Having a bachelor's or even a master's degree in your field (or maybe in a totally unrelated field) is the traditional path to landing a new job, earning a promotion or a salary increase. But a recent article (April 27, 2017) in the Atlantic—“When a College Degree Isn't Enough” notes that:

The country has entered a “prove it” economy in which codified skills are currency . . . degrees, from associates to doctorates . . . are joined—maybe trumped—by thousands of resume-worthy credentials from shorter, non-degree programs.

Earning the Healthy Homes Specialist (HHS) Credential proves to your employer (or a future employer) that you have the specific skills and knowledge needed to assess homes for housing-related health hazards.

What?

The first and only credential of its kind, the HHS credential signifies that an individual understands the connection between housing hazards and health, has demonstrated competency in these principles, and knows how to put them into practice in homes. This designation signifies that HHS credential holders are experts who work with families to identify problems that threaten their health and well-being and make recommendations for resolving these problems.

How?

The National Healthy Homes Training Center's Healthy Homes Assessment and Interventions (HHAI) course is designed to prepare you for the HHS Credential exam. For more information about the HHAI course, go to www.healthyhousingsolutions.com/training-course/healthy-homes-assessment-and-interventions/. You can supplement your preparation—or prepare on your own—by reviewing a set of online references for the exam. To view the references, go to www.neha.org/professional-development/credentials/hhs.

For More Information

The National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) has all the details you need on earning this valuable credential. Go to www.neha.org/professional-development/credentials/hhs-credential.

Apply for the credential by completing an application downloadable at www.neha.org/credential/HHS. Applying for and taking the HHS exam is \$175 for NEHA members or \$310 for non-members. For more information on this credential, you can contact NEHA's credentialing staff at credentialing@neha.org or call 303.756.9090 ext. 339 or 337.