



The National Healthy Homes Training Center and Network (Training Center) offers cutting-edge training and professional development in the field of healthy housing. The Training Center has trained over 23,000 people since its inception in 2003, and is creating a workforce that understands how to find and resolve hazards in the home environment. Visit the website at healthyhousingsolutions.com/hhtc/.

The Training Center:

- **Brings together public health and housing practitioners** to promote practical and cost-effective methods for making homes healthier.
- **Serves as a forum** for exchanging information on new research and best practices.
- **Promotes cross-training** of public health and housing practitioners.
- **Identifies and optimizes opportunities** for networking, collaboration, and partnerships.
- **Provides continuing education units (CEUs)** for most courses.

Training with a higher purpose

Our trainees are dedicated professionals committed to making a difference in their communities through safe and healthy housing. In 2009, the U.S. Surgeon General's *Call to Action to Promote Healthy Homes* underscored the public health importance of healthy housing and endorsed the "seven principles of healthy housing," which serve as the cornerstone of the Training Center's curricula.

Trainees learn critical skills and increase their knowledge of the principles of healthy housing, while also becoming inspired to serve as thought leaders, resources, conveners, and advocates in their communities.

Trainees also have the opportunity to advance their professional status and distinguish themselves by becoming a "Healthy Homes Specialist." Administered jointly by Healthy Housing Solutions and the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA), the Healthy Homes Specialist Credential signifies professional expertise in the field of healthy housing. Learn more about the credential at healthyhousingsolutions.com/hhtc/healthy-homes-specialist-credential/

Essentials for Healthy Homes Practitioners

Over 13,000 students have taken the Essentials course, and nearly 97% of participants say they would recommend this course to a colleague. Eighty-five percent say they could immediately incorporate the concepts they learned into their daily work.

This is what a few of our trainees have said about the Essentials course:

"The breadth of the course and practical application to in-home assessments (how to clean up mold, green cleaning supplies) was terrific. Plus the instructor's range of knowledge and experience was a great added value to the training materials."

"Information presented in practical, real world examples by presenter with solid experience with weatherization and healthy homes practices."

"The training was comprehensive and could relate to all types of homes."



The Training Center operates across the country and provides training through a network of experienced partners. To see a list of partners and their contact information, go to healthyhousingsolutions.com/hhtc/training-partners/.

Training Center Courses

Classroom courses:

Code Inspection for Healthier Homes – The Code Inspection for Healthier Homes course is a one-day course for code inspectors and others interested in learning more about how effective housing enforcement and programs can improve the health of occupants. The course provides information on the health-related provisions of state and local housing codes and the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC).

Eco-Healthy Child Care Course[®] – The five-hour Eco-Healthy Child Care[®] Train-the-Trainer curriculum offers information on 11 core content areas: pesticides, poor air quality, household chemicals, lead, mercury, furniture and carpets, art supplies, plastics, arsenic, radon and recycling. The course prepares individuals to become an EHCC resource for their localized communities.

Essentials for Healthy Homes Practitioners – If you visit homes to provide health or inspection services of any type, you will benefit from the Essentials for Healthy Homes Practitioners course. The training will help you understand the connection between health and housing and how to take a holistic approach to identify and resolve problems that threaten the health and well-being of residents.

Green and Healthy Management Strategies for Multifamily Properties – This course provides property owners/managers tools to implement green and healthy practices that can reduce energy, water, contaminants, and improve resident health conditions.

Healthy Home Evaluator Study Course – This course is designed to prepare students for the Healthy Home Evaluator certification offered through the Building Performance Institute (BPI). Students identify and evaluate health related hazards in a client's home. Students will learn how to apply good practices in working with residents, identify housing-related health hazards, use tools to measure hazardous conditions, prioritize hazards, and identify and communicate solutions to residents. The course includes a site visit to a home and a number of case studies. Students will also learn how to protect themselves as they do home visits.

Healthy Homes Assessment and Interventions – This course is designed to help prepare students for the Healthy Homes Specialist Credential exam. Students will learn about the importance of the resident interview, develop strategies for assessing the health-related hazards in a home, conduct an on-site inspection, and develop a comprehensive action plan.

Healthy Homes Assessment for Community Health Workers – This course is designed specifically for community health workers (CHWs), and other home visitors who provide health education to residents. The course provides these individuals with the knowledge and skills needed to perform a basic healthy home assessment.



Training Center Courses

Classroom courses:

Healthy Homes Assessment: Principles and Practice – This training provides knowledge and skills individuals need to perform healthy home assessments. It is intended for those professionals who have completed either the Essentials for Healthy Homes Practitioners or the Healthy Homes Essentials for Environmental Professionals course and who plan to perform home assessments as part of their professional activities.

Healthy Homes for Community Health Workers – This course teaches Community Health Workers (CHWs) how to provide healthy homes information to members of their communities. The course trains CHWs to provide one-on-one and large group education on healthy homes, provide general advice about specific healthy homes problems, and be able to recommend healthy homes approaches to be taken by families, landlords, and other community members.

Healthy Homes Essentials for Environmental Professionals – This course is an accelerated version of the Essentials for Healthy Homes Practitioners course for those individuals who already have certification as a professional in a healthy home field of expertise.

Health Opportunities in Energy Audits and Upgrades – This course provides an opportunity for energy efficiency staff to learn about healthy homes and understand that energy efficiency is only one part of a safe and healthy home. They become aware of a wider array of housing problems they will encounter and may be able to address once they are working in a home.

Healthy Homes Rating System – This course is designed to enable students to interpret and apply the principles of the HHRS, prioritize corrective actions, and communicate their findings in an Assessment Report. Students learn how to classify housing deficiencies into hazards, how to evaluate the possible health impacts from those hazards, and how to calculate a hazard score and hazard band. The course includes a site visit so students can collect information from a house and practice using the HHRS tool.

Integrated Pest Management in Multifamily Housing – This course is designed to help property managers implement a comprehensive integrated pest management (IPM) program by bringing the stakeholders, especially resident leaders, together to develop the skills and practices needed to effectively eliminate pests such as cockroaches and rodents from multifamily housing. This course is available both in the classroom and online.

Launching a Healthy Homes Initiative – This course brings together health and housing professionals from state and local agencies as well as other health and housing organizations. The goal of the training is to identify policies and practices to establish robust programs to make homes healthier. Provides elements of a strategic planning process to start a healthy homes program in your community.



Training Center Courses

Online courses:

Basic Principles of Healthy Housing – This online course is engaging and interactive. Whether you're a community health worker, home assessor, home inspector, program manager, or anyone concerned about healthy housing, this course was designed with you in mind. You will learn about the well-documented link between health and housing and become familiar with the eight principles of keeping your home healthy.

Eco-Healthy Child Care – This interactive course is designed for early care and learning professionals and those who offer technical assistance and/or training to child care providers. Parents will find it useful for the home environment as well. Learn why children are uniquely vulnerable to common environmental health hazards (e.g., lead, pesticides, household chemicals, unsafe plastics), and receive practical and no- to-low cost strategies for preventing children's exposures to toxics.

Integrated Pest Management in Multifamily Housing – This online course is designed to help a property manager, including a public housing authority, implement a comprehensive integrated pest management (IPM) program by bringing the stakeholders, especially resident leaders, together to develop the skills and practices needed to effectively eliminate pests such as cockroaches and rodents from multifamily housing. This course is available both in the classroom and online.

Pediatric Environmental Home Assessment – This online course is designed to prepare nurses to recognize potential environmental hazards as part of a primary prevention approach, and recommend preventative action or make appropriate referrals for conditions that may be caused by a housing-related hazard.