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EHS Circular Letter #2019-25

DATE: November 18, 2019

TO: Directors of Health
Chief Sanitarians
Certified Food Inspectors
Interested Parties

**Note: Food Protection
course description
revised 12/10/19.**

FROM: Lori J. Mathieu
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RE: Environmental Health Training Program at Southern Connecticut State University

Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU), in collaboration with the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) is offering the Environmental Health Training Program (EHTP) in Davis Hall on the SCSU campus in New Haven, CT.

The EHTP course is designed to help prepare and train sanitarians, including those presently and aspiring to be employed in local health departments, in a variety of areas important to the field of environmental health. In addition to greatly increasing one's knowledge in the area of environmental health, successful completion of the course 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. Successful completion of the entire course also makes those aspiring to work in the field more marketable for entering the workforce.

This letter details the three sections of the training: food protection, subsurface sewage and general topics. Registration details are provided on page 2.

I. FOOD PROTECTION COURSE (Revised)

Food Inspector Training for New Personnel
January 8, 15, 22, 29 and February 5, 2020 (9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)
Examination: February 12, 2020 (9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.)



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This is a required course for prospective food inspectors and the first step in the food inspector certification process per Section 19-13-B42(t) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. The course will provide students with the basic knowledge that will prepare them for when they do become employed by a local health department and are then eligible to begin the formal food inspector certification process. Successful completion of the Food Protection Training course also makes those aspiring to work in the field more marketable for entering the workforce. The course focuses on the current Connecticut regulations that inspectors will enforce once certified. Public health professionals—regulators, microbiologists, and epidemiologists—will also present critical topics, such as foodborne pathogens, outbreak investigations, how to conduct an inspection, enforcement, ethics, and the food inspector certification process.

In addition to those interested in pursuing food inspector certification, others may find the course beneficial. Directors of Health who are not certified and food industry personnel may find the course helpful in gaining a better understanding of the FDA Food Code and the food establishment inspection process.

SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE COURSE INCLUDES: attendance at all five classes; completion of homework assignments; and a passing grade on the written exam given on 2/12/20.

If you have questions concerning the Food Protection Training course, contact Cynthia Costa at the FPP at 860/509-7297.

II. SUBSURFACE SEWAGE

Training takes place on Wednesdays:

February 12, 2020 (12:00 pm – 4:00 pm)

February 19, 26 and March 4, 11, 18, 2020 (9:00 am – 4:00 pm)

Examination: March 25, 2020 (9:00 am – 11:00 am)

The Connecticut DPH is offering the Phase I Subsurface Sewage Disposal Certification program, hosted by SCSU, every Wednesday from February 12 – March 25, 2020. Attendance 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.

III. GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TOPICS

March 25, 2020 (12:00 – 3:30 pm)

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 2020 (9:00 – 4:00 pm)

The General Environmental Health Topics course will provide presentations on topics such as lead, asbestos, drinking water, vector-borne diseases, and hospital and nursing home inspections and licensing. Presentations are provided by experts in the field, providing their applied experience on each topic area. A full schedule can be viewed on TrainCT, Resources tab.

REGISTRATION:

SCSU is coordinating registration for the EHTP. Course registration will be done on the Train Connecticut website. After registering for the course online, payment can be made to SCSU by check or credit card.

Detailed information is available at the [SCSU Public Health webpage](#) for all three segments of the EHTP course (Food Protection, Sewage Disposal, and the General Environmental Health Topics segment) which can be taken

all together or individually. DO NOT SEND PAYMENTS TO DPH. To register, go to <https://ct.train.org> and scroll the *Upcoming Events* to locate the course or search by the course number: 1024557.

IMPORTANT NOTE!

If the Wednesday scheduled class should be cancelled due to weather, the makeup class will be held on Friday of the same week. Please be sure your schedule can accommodate makeup days on Fridays, as attendance at all classes is required for successful completion of the training.

The cost for the full course (all 3 sections) is \$500, but students may 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.

For registration and general course questions (e.g. parking, room #, etc.), contact Esi Ambaiowei, Southern Connecticut State University; Email: EHTP@southernct.edu, Cynthia Costa for questions on Food Inspector Training at: Cynthia.costa@ct.gov or Amanda Clark for Sub-Surface Sewage Training at: Amanda.clark@ct.gov

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