

Ten Essential Ingredients for Environmental Health Practice: A Model for Success

INTENDED AUDIENCE

Public health staff that work with environmental health, including those from departments of ecology, environmental quality, and agriculture. This course would also be useful for those at university environmental health services, labor and industry, natural resources, and food safety departments.

FORMAT

This course employs several modes of delivery, including a strong emphasis on using case studies to promote group interaction, and an interactive exercise.

ESTIMATED TIME TO COMPLETE

This course is designed as a two and a half day residential training. However, the scope of the course can be modified to fit into a shorter time frame if desired.

COURSE DEVELOPER & INSTRUCTOR

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional course information is available at <http://www.nwcp.org/ten-essential>. To discuss scheduling this course at your organization within the Northwest region, please contact NWCPHP.



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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course describes the characteristics of contemporary environmental public health practice, based on the Ten Essential Services of Public Health. Participants will learn how to organize environmental health and related activities and programs to effectively identify and manage environmental and communicable problems and threats that affect the health of their community. The most current and best practices of environmental health programs will be discussed and case studies will be utilized to illustrate the application to practice. A tabletop exercise involving a hypothetical communicable disease or environmental health incident will be used to reinforce and demonstrate the learning from the training.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Describe the history and rationale for the ten essential services
- Explain the value of the essential services to environmental health practice
- Understand core environmental health competencies
- Describe major challenges to environmental jurisdictions and appropriate actions to address these challenges
- Understand methods to identify environmental health problems
- Identify methods for measuring the amount of essential services integration into environmental health practice
- Identify training needs for effective environmental health practice within an organization

PAST PARTICIPANT COMMENTS

“Very practical information that can be used at the local level. Reinforces my thoughts on how important it is to work with environmental health and develop a strong board of health.”

About the Course Developer & Instructor

Carl Osaki has worked in the field of public health for over 30 years. He is retired from the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health where he was chief of the Environmental Health Division. He was the 1997–1998 chair of the Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials (WSALPHO) and is currently a member of the Washington State Board of Health.

As a Clinical Associate Professor of Environmental Health, he teaches Environmental Health Practice and manages a CDC-funded project to assist local and state health departments in integrating the Essential Public Health Services into environmental health practice.