

# Health Care: A Career For Life

## PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

### JOB DESCRIPTION

Public Health Inspectors are vital members of the community health system whose primary focus is on preventing injury, illness and premature death. They safeguard the well-being of both the public and the environment by educating people about public health issues, monitoring facilities and developments, and enforcing public health legislation. They use a broad array of strategies and interventions intended to protect the public's health by minimizing environmental health risks to the population.

Public Health Inspectors respond to environmental health concerns by investigating complaints and inspecting premises to ensure compliance with Regulations made under *The Public Health Act* and *The Non-Smokers Health Protection Act*.

The responsibilities include the following Health Protection programs & services:

- Arena Air Quality
- Communicable Disease and Outbreak Control
- Food Handler Training
- Food Safety
- Health Protection Reports
- Personal Service Facilities
- Recreational Camps
- Residential Care Facilities
- Safe Housing
- Smoking in Public Places
- Swimming Pool Safety

Public Health Inspectors play an important role in ensuring the safety of all food that is sold and distributed through food premises. Public Health Inspectors conduct inspections of public eating establishments on a routine and a complaint basis.

Any facility or location where food is prepared, stored or served to the general public is considered a food handling establishment. This includes restaurants, grocery stores, bakeries, butcher shops, delicatessens, catering facilities, take-outs, mobile vending carts, farmers markets and temporary food events at fairs or festivals.

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/environmentalhealth/protection/index.html>

### SALARY RANGE

\$39,550 - \$99,830

### RECOMMENDED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

Senior 4  
(40S) English, Chemistry, Biology, Physics & Pre-Calculus

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## TRAINING & EDUCATION

The British Columbia Institution of Technology (BCIT) Environmental Health program is applied learning at its best. Our industry-leading instructors train you to become a health inspector and environmental public health professional.

Through legislation, education, and promotion, our graduates work with people in almost every industry to safeguard public health. It's an important job. Our students gain current, practical experience to get certified and start working as soon as they graduate.

## About The Program

Two-year, full-time Bachelor of Technology program

Small class size provides you with individual support

Lectures, field trips, and research deliver a solid theory-based knowledge

A three-month practical experience at a BC health agency gives you direct field experience

## Who It's For

This program is for individuals who:

- Like working with teams to problem solve and manage conflict in a public health setting
- Enjoy a flexible work environment that changes daily
- Have an interest in building strong communication skills
- Have two or more years of post-secondary education

<http://www.bcit.ca/study/programs/8500dbtech>

## Training is available at these post-secondary schools:

- Ryerson University, Toronto, ON [www.ryerson.ca](http://www.ryerson.ca)
- British Columbia Institute of Technology, Burnaby, BC [www.bcit.ca/study/programs/8500dbtech](http://www.bcit.ca/study/programs/8500dbtech)
- Concordia University College of Alberta, Edmonton, AB [www.concordia.ab.ca](http://www.concordia.ab.ca)
- First Nations University of Canada, Regina, SK [www.firstnationsuniversity.ca/Science/ENHS.html](http://www.firstnationsuniversity.ca/Science/ENHS.html)

## WEB LINKS

Public Health – Manitoba [www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/index.html)

Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors [www.ciphi.ca](http://www.ciphi.ca)

Canadian Public Health Association [www.cpha.ca](http://www.cpha.ca)

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