

Home Environmental Assessment Credentialing in Missouri

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Home environment assessments help people

Help Families:

- Reduce anxiety of the “unknown”
- Educate about environmental management
- Gives information they can use
- Focus on source and exposure reduction
- Targeted based on sensitivity and vulnerability



New MO State Policy approving credentials for home environmental assessments

- Medicaid reimbursement
 - home-based asthma
 - Home Environmental
- Two national credentials individuals to provide Environmental Assessments:
 - NEHA Healthy Home
 - BPI Healthy Home Ev
- State Certification available Assessors:

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(B) In-home environmental assessors must have the credentials set forth in this subsection—

1. Any professional background with the corresponding professional degree from an accredited institution in good standing; and
2. An in-home environmental assessor must have one (1) of the following certifications in good standing:

A. National Certification—

(I) National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Healthy Home Specialist; or

(II) NEHA Healthy Home Evaluator Micro-Credential; or

B. State Certification—

(I) The provider must have certification from an accredited Missouri training program that provides a certificate for in-home environmental assessors;

(II) A Missouri training program certificate means that the student is competent to provide services upon graduation and with the same level of expertise as expected with the national certification; and

3. The qualifying academic university-based center responsible for tracking asthma in-home environmental assessors will maintain an up-to-date database of credentialed asthma in-home environmental assessment providers in Missouri and will monitor for compliance with national and state certifications.

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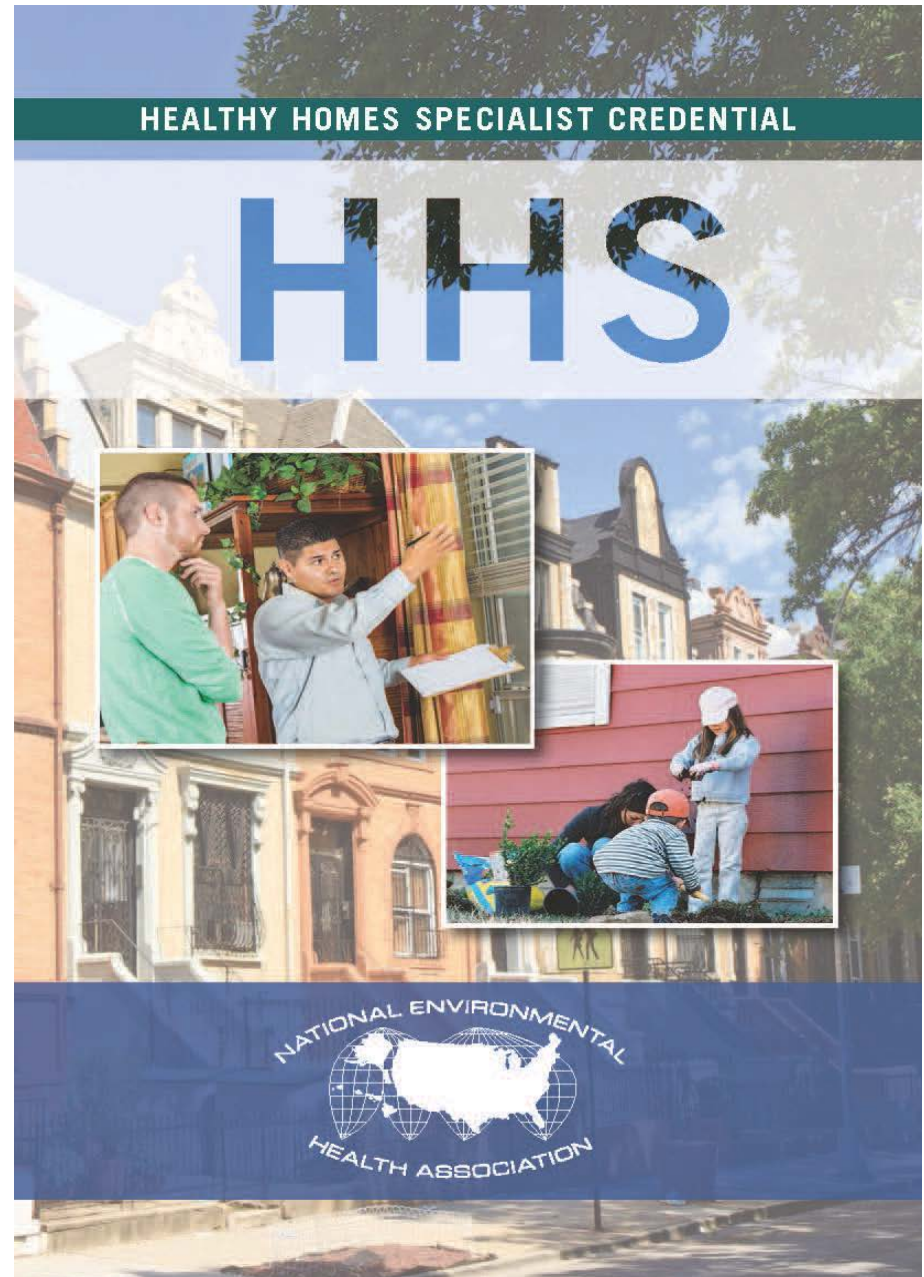
Common concepts taught in environmental assessment training courses

1. Healthy home principles
2. Intro. to asthma management
3. Visual identification of hazards
4. Quantitative measurement-
Introduction
5. Justify and prioritize hazards
6. Identify interventions and actions
7. Communicating with residents



Healthy Home Specialist Credential

*May be phased
out in 2018!
Stay tuned!*



Healthy Home Specialist Certification

- Target Audience: Environmental Professionals, Registered Environmental Health Specialists or Sanitarians, Public Health Professionals, Public Health Staff, Home Inspectors
- Eligibility:
 - Be at least 21 years old and;
 - Have five years of experience in housing, environmental health or public health
 - Complete an Application for the HHS credential that includes work experience verification, signing a code of ethics, completing professional conduct questions, and providing a signed Statement of Affirmation.

Healthy Home Specialist Certification

Exam Content Summary: (more details on questions in the HHS Candidate brochure)

- I. Outreach, Identification, and Intake of Clients – 12%
- II. Interface with Household and/or Building Rep - 20%
- III. Physical Environment Assessment - 30%
- IV. Synthesize Building and Client Findings and Provide Conclusions and Recommendations - 15%
- V. Implementation of Interventions - 15%
- VI. Evaluation of Project - 8%

Healthy Home Evaluator Credential



Building Performance Institute, Inc.
BPI Certifications

Healthy Home Evaluator (HHE) Certification Scheme Handbook



Raising the Bar in Building Performance Contracting

September 28, 2016

Healthy Home Evaluator Credential

Target Audience: Individuals who have been credentialed by BPI as Energy Auditors, Building Analysts, or Quality Control Inspectors

Eligibility: To sit for this exam you must have one of the BPI credentials listed above. To retain your HHE credential you must maintain your other BPI credential and keep them up to date through continuing education.

Healthy Home Evaluator Credential

Exam Content Summary: (more details on questions in the HHE Certification Scheme Handbook)

- I. Principles of Healthy Homes 8% - 10%
- II. Data Collection 38% - 42%
- III. Analysis and Interpretation 18% - 20%
- IV. Recommendations and/or Scope of Work 18% - 20%
- V. Communication and Client Education 5% - 10%
- VI. Personal Safety, Insurance, and Liability 8% - 10%

BPI Building Analysts make good healthy home assessors

Building Diagnostics

- Basic Health and Safety
- Training in Building Science
- Trained in Measurement
- Understand Combustion Safety

Home Environmental Assessor- State of MO Certification

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There are many other healthy home training courses available

National Healthy Homes Training Center*:

- Healthy Home Assessment and Intervention
- Healthy Home for Community Health Workers
- HH Assessment for Community Healthy Workers
- Essentials for Healthy Home Practitioners
- Home Assessment Principles & Practice
- Integrated Pest Management

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Environmental Health Program

