

## Career Posting – Environmental Health Specialist – Food & Lodging

### The Community

AppHealthCare serves the vibrant communities of Alleghany, Ashe, and Watauga Counties nestled in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains in Northwestern North Carolina. Take a quick look around and witness the many expressions of community pride and southern hospitality – a smile from someone walking downtown, a thriving culinary scene, and plenty of outdoor adventure. We experience the beauty of four seasons from white fluffy snow to colorful fall foliage. There is simply something special about these mountains and quaint small-town feels – come see for yourself!

### Caring for Our Community

We are a local public health department and health center focused and committed to improving our communities' health and well-being through compassionate, high-quality care. We have about 120 full/part-time employees and about 10 contract employees. We are governed by two boards that provide strategic direction and oversight of agency functions. We have received numerous awards and distinctions for the care we provide and have recently achieved accreditation with honors. We are committed to caring for our community and providing excellent customer service.

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<b>Position:</b>	Environmental Health Specialist – Food & Lodging
<b>Position #:</b>	405-56-598
<b>Location:</b>	This position will serve the counties of Alleghany, Ashe, and Watauga. The home base for this position will be the Watauga Health Center located at 126 Poplar Grove Connector, Boone NC 28607.
<b>Salary:</b>	\$58,661 - \$91,291 annually Starting salary based on qualifications and experience.
<b>Hours:</b>	Full-time, 40 hours per week, between 7:00 am and 6:00 pm to serve clients during normal business hours which are Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:45 pm. Potential to work outside normal hours for client needs, special events, or public health emergencies.
<b>Closing Date:</b>	Open until filled
<b>Job Summary</b>	Promote public health through independent fieldwork in education, inspection, surveillance, and enforcement of environmental health

programs such as food/lodging/institutions, on-site wastewater systems, water supplies, and complaint investigations. Most of the work will be in the facility inspections with some work in public swimming pools. This position will be assigned in Watauga County. Must have the ability to work well with the public, a good understanding of environmental health rules and regulations, good oral and written communication skills, and some computer user skills. Must be able to operate a motor vehicle and have an un-revoked NC driver's license.

Applicant must be in good physical health to perform field evaluations that are required to perform the duties of a Registered Environmental Health Specialist.

### **Knowledge, Skills & Abilities**

Thorough knowledge of environmental health procedures, policies, statutes, and rules, as well as job-specific program areas. Considerable knowledge of public health law, microbiology, biology, chemistry, food science, epidemiology, soil science, and basic engineering technology as applied to environmental health practices. Working knowledge of the responsibilities of other agencies involved in environmental health work. Working knowledge of the interrelationship between socio-economic factors and environmental health concerns. Working knowledge of inspection methods and investigation techniques as applied in environmental health. Ability to analyze and comprehend a wide variety of technical and administrative regulations, records, and reports. Ability to exercise sound judgment and deal tactfully with a wide range of public contacts while enforcing public health laws and regulations. Ability to educate business and property owners and the consuming public in matters related to protecting and promoting public health. Ability to present formal environmental health training programs. Ability to develop and express ideas and opinions concisely, comprehensively, and clearly in oral and written form. Ability to independently plan and schedule work activities. Ability to apply environmental health standards, guidelines, statutes, rules, knowledge, and techniques in the investigation of environmental health problems.

### **Minimum Education & Experience**

Bachelor's degree or postgraduate degree from a program that is accredited by the National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council (EHAC); or, Bachelor's degree or postgraduate degree in public health and one year of experience in the field of environmental health practice; or Bachelor's degree or postgraduate degree with a minimum of 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours in the physical, biological, natural, life, or health sciences and one year of experience in the field of environmental health practice.

### **License or Certification Required**

**For questions or more information, please contact AppHealthCare Human Resources:**

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Must be eligible to meet the requirements for registration or license as an Environmental Health Specialist as outlined in Article 4, Chapter 90A of the NC General Statutes.

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### **How to Apply**

Complete an [NC State Government Application for Employment \(PD-107\)](#). The application is located on the NC Office of State Human Resources website. The application can be completed in hard copy or electronically.

A completed state application, including cover letters and resumes/CVs, should be sent to Human Resources by email to [careers@apphealth.com](mailto:careers@apphealth.com) or dropped off in person at the AppHealthCare Alleghany Health Center at 157 Health Services Road in Sparta, NC.

### **Benefits**

We offer a variety of paid and voluntary employee benefits including retirement plans, health insurance, life insurance, paid parental leave annual and sick leave, and more. For more information about benefits, [visit our website](#).

*AppHealthCare recruits team members who share our values of Integrity, Drive, Resilience, Service, and Community and actively support the overall public health mission of the agency.*

*AppHealthCare is committed to providing equal employment opportunity (EEO) to all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, physical or mental disability, age, veteran's status, family medical or genetic information, sexual orientation, gender status, pregnancy, gender identity or other non-merit based factors. All recruitment and selection activities will be administered according to EEO principles, to have a diverse workforce that reflects the population of the communities the District serves.*

*AppHealthCare is a recovery-friendly workplace.*

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