

Department of Environmental & Occupational Health Sciences



The Department of Environmental & Occupational Health Sciences at the University of Washington builds healthy communities and safe workplaces by:

Educating the students who will be tomorrow's health and safety leaders.

Researching how environmental and workplace factors affect health.

Serving workers, employers and health and safety professionals with evidence-based health solutions.

Our goal: Sustainable communities where everyone has access to clean air, clean water, safe food and safe workplaces.

FAST FACTS



5th in the world

for environmental and occupational health programs¹



Nationally accredited

undergraduate and graduate programs²



Part of top-ranked

School of Public Health at the University of Washington³

EDUCATION

256 degrees granted

- 117 bachelor's degrees
- 98 master's degrees
- 41 doctoral degrees

Undergraduate and graduate degrees offered in Environmental Health, Toxicology, Occupational Hygiene, Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Environmental and Occupational Health, Exposure Science and One Health.

Our students

- 63% Washington state residents
- 66% women
- 19% underrepresented minorities
- 7% international students

Data from 2015-2020

146 faculty

Nationally recognized experts in their fields:
30 primary • 5 joint • 111 auxiliary

Up to 400 hours

of work experience through student internships at the local, state and national levels.

97 percent

of supervisors would hire their student intern again. Employers include federal and state agencies; county and local public health departments; private companies such as Amazon and Boeing; and consulting firms.

1. Center for World University Rankings. 2. National Environmental Health Science & Protection Accreditation Council and the Council on Education for Public Health. 3. Global Ranking of Academic Subjects.

RESEARCH

Our research focuses on people and communities most at risk for adverse health outcomes, including children, the elderly, low-income communities and people of color.

75+

funded research projects and centers that examine how environmental and workplace factors affect people's health.

\$26 million

in annual grant and contract awards for research and training.

Our research expertise:

- COVID-19
- Wildfire smoke
- Worker health and safety.
- Impact of climate change on health.
- Detection and control of infectious diseases and pathogens.
- The links between human, animal and environmental health.
- Health effects of air, water and noise pollution.
- Chemical and biological exposures.
- Safe food and water.



SERVICE

We provide workplace consultations, lab analysis and clinical services to workers and employers in the Pacific Northwest.

2,815

professionals trained through 175 courses offered by our nationally recognized Continuing Education programs.

2,300

samples analyzed in our Environmental Health Lab.

417

patients treated during 1,018 visits to our Occupational and Environmental Medicine Clinic, specializing in work-related injuries and illnesses and preventing worker disabilities.

94

companies provided on-site safety and health consultation services through our Field Research and Consultation Group.

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