



# Healthy Homes Specialist Credential

## Credential Examination Program Candidate Information

*For as long as NEHA has existed, NEHA has strived to elevate the standing and respect accord to those who practice environmental health. One of the mechanisms used by professional societies like NEHA to achieve such a goal is the one of credentialing. Through a professional credential, one evidences to both their employer and to the public they serve that they are competent to carry out the duties and tasks expected of them. Such a mark of distinction also serves the practitioner inasmuch as the effort expended to gain such a credential often leads to higher levels of individual compensation and regard, as it should. NEHA's mission is to advance you — pure and simple. Few professional fields are growing and changing as rapidly as environmental health. Attainment of the HHS credential demonstrates professional direction, achievement and the knowledge to carry out functions and duties of a technical nature in a responsible manner.*

### About the Healthy Homes Specialist Credential

The Healthy Homes Specialist (HHS) Credential is the newest addition to the National Environmental Health Association's (NEHA) eight other credential offerings. It was developed in partnership with the National Center for Healthy Housing (NCHH) and the National Healthy Homes Training Center & Network.

The HHS exam tests your understanding of the connection between health and housing, enabling you to take a holistic approach to identify and resolve problems that threaten the health and well being of residents. Please visit NEHA's web site for additional exam description and content at [www.neha.org/credential/HHS](http://www.neha.org/credential/HHS).

### Is the HHS Credential right for you?

If you are a professional in one of the groups below, you may be interested attaining the Healthy Homes Specialist credential:

1. Individuals who have been certified or licensed as **lead risk assessors, radon measurement professionals, or mold professionals**—These individuals have developed a basic expertise in a specific environmental hazard in the home and are interested in expanding their capabilities and services.
2. NEHA **Registered Environmental Health Specialists** seeking to demonstrate their experience and expertise in housing.
3. **Public health nurses** seeking to document their expertise in healthy homes.
4. **Health department and housing agency staff** seeking to document their expertise in healthy homes or better position their agencies to receive U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Healthy Homes grants.
5. Licensed **pest management professionals** seeking to expand their services—Resolving pest problems using integrated pest management techniques essentially relies on a knowledge base similar that of the Healthy Homes Practitioner.
6. Certified **home inspectors** seeking to expand their business by adding healthy homes to their standard services.

### EXAM REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility to sit for this credentialing exam is determined by the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA). Applications and fees must be submitted to NEHA for review. For applications and additional information about eligibility requirements, please contact: National Environmental Health Association, 720 S. Colorado Blvd., Suite 1000-N, Denver, CO 80246, Phone: 303-756-9090, ext. 337, E-mail: [Credentialing@neha.org](mailto:Credentialing@neha.org).

To be eligible to obtain the Healthy Homes Specialist credential, you must complete the Application for Healthy Homes Specialist (HSS) Credential and meet the following criteria:

1. Be at least 21 years old;
2. Have five years of experience in housing, environmental health or public health;
3. Achieve a score of 70% on the qualifying examination; and
4. Successfully complete an on-line assessment exercise.

