



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

**Knox County Health Department**

## **LICENSED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER (LEHP)**

**Do you want to make a difference in your community?** *Are you passionate about public health and environmental safety? Do you thrive in a role that combines science, field work, and service to protect the well-being of others? Are you looking for a supportive, mission-driven organization that values your expertise?*

Join the **Knox County Health Department**, where your work will directly impact the health and safety of our community. We are seeking a **Licensed Environmental Health Practitioner (LEHP)** to help play a key role in our environmental health programs and uphold vital public health standards.

### **Who Are We:**

The Knox County Health Department is committed to promoting and protecting public health through education, regulation, and prevention efforts. Our Environmental Health team ensures compliance with public health regulations related to food safety, water quality, sewage disposal, and general environmental conditions throughout Knox County.

### **Job Summary:**

As a LEHP, you will enforce local and state health code, perform inspections, respond to environmental health complaints, and serve as an expert resource on environmental regulations. The role offers the opportunity to make a visible, lasting impact in the community by ensuring that homes, businesses, and public spaces meet safety and health standards.

### **Key Responsibilities:**

1. Inspect and evaluate food service operations, wells, sewage systems, and other regulated sites
2. Investigate public health complaints and enforce environmental health codes
3. Review permit applications and conduct onsite evaluations
4. Collect and interpret water, food, and sewage samples for lab analysis
5. Respond to suspected illness outbreaks and environmental emergencies
6. Provide education and guidance to businesses, contractors, and residents
7. Document findings and present information at hearings or in legal settings
8. Help train new staff and participate in program quality improvement
9. Perform duties and participate in program quality improvement
10. Work weekends and evening as needed during peak seasonal periods
11. Performs other duties as assigned.

**Skills and Abilities**

- Strong understanding of environmental health programs and public health law
- Effective communication skills with a variety of stakeholders
- Sound judgment, attention to detail, and confidentiality
- Ability to work independently and manage multiple priorities
- Comfortable working outdoors, in various field settings, and lifting equipment up to 25 pounds
- Proficient in report writing, presenting technical data, and interpreting lab results

**Minimum Qualifications:**

- **Licensed Environmental Health Practitioner (LEHP)** in the State of Illinois **(required)**
- Bachelor's degree in environmental health science **or** a related degree with at least 30 semester hours of basic science coursework
- Valid driver's license and reliable transportation

**Why Join Us?**

- Play a vital role in keeping your community safe and healthy
- Work with a supportive and skilled public health team
- Develop professionally through diverse fieldwork and training
- Enjoy meaningful work that truly makes a difference

**Full-Time Position** (35 hours per week)

**Competitive Salary:** \$30.56 per hour

**Benefits Include:**

- 14 Paid Holidays
- Medical, Dental, Vision, and Life Insurance
- Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Pension Program
- Paid Vacation, Sick, and Personal Leave

**How to Apply:**

Interested candidates should submit their resume to [hr@knoxcountyhealth.org](mailto:hr@knoxcountyhealth.org) or apply on our website at [www.knoxcountyhealth.org](http://www.knoxcountyhealth.org).

Protecting the health of our community starts with you- apply today!

**Job Type: Full-time (In-Person)**

Pay: \$30.56 per hour