



ANHE Environmental Health Nurse Fellowship Fellows Information and Application

The Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments' (ANHE) Environmental Health Nurse Fellowship is designed to increase the capacity of nurses to address environmental and health equity issues in collaboration with communities, agencies, and public health and nursing organizations. The Fellowship will have a particular emphasis on climate change and health equity, but will include content on a variety of environmental health topics such as chemical exposures; food, air, and water quality; energy and health; and environmental justice. Environmental justice, the notion that no community should be disproportionately impacted by environmental exposures is a core value of ANHE in all of our work.

This new Fellowship program is being offered to increase nurses' capacity to assess and address environmental health issues, with a focus on community-level impact and solutions to advance health equity for those disproportionately affected by environmental hazards. The Fellowship is a year-long program including environmental health education to gain a more thorough understanding of how environmental risks impact human health, as well as advocacy and community organizing, engagement, and empowerment basics. Fellows will be assigned a mentor and both the fellows and mentors will be funded to attend two national Fellowship meetings.

Program Requirements

Three fellows will be selected from each of the 10 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [regions](https://bit.ly/2SzLe6C) (<https://bit.ly/2SzLe6C>) for a total of 30 nurses. Each fellow will be paired with a nurse mentor with significant experience in environmental health and community partnerships. Together, the mentor and fellow will identify a target community and develop a plan to guide the Fellowship experience. Fellowship participants will enhance their knowledge and build a breadth of experience. Program requirements for fellows include:

- Commit to year-long participation in the fellowship program (June 1st, 2019- May 31st, 2020)
- Attend monthly webinars (2 hours/month)
- Communicate with mentors at least on a monthly basis (1-2 hour/month)
- Develop a project that addresses an identified community need in partnership with a community-based organization (a local school, faith-based organization, civic organization, non-profit association [including environmental organization], community-engagement programs of hospitals/health systems, etc.)
- Hold three educational sessions for health professional colleagues on environmental health that includes work conducted during the program
- Provide quarterly reports to mentor and program staff on project and Fellowship progress
- Attend two 2-day, in-person national Fellowship meetings throughout the program period (June 3rd-5th 2019 in Philadelphia, PA and March 2020 location TBD). Note: The cost of travel and lodging will be covered by ANHE.

Through participating in the program, fellows will receive at a minimum 36 hours of nursing continuing education hours and demonstrate learning through a community-based project addressing a specific environmental health concern.



Eligibility Criteria

Applicants to the program must:

- Have an active nursing license and at least three years of nursing experience
- Express interest in environmental health nursing
- Demonstrate a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Preferred candidates, although not required, will have an existing relationship with a specific community-based group, access to forums to educate other nurses (e.g. graduate student, faculty, leadership role within nursing organization, or supervisor/manager), and have experience working on public or environmental health issues.

How do I apply for the program?

Applicants must submit the following to be considered for the fellowship:

- Contact information (name, address, email, telephone, employer/affiliated organization and position held, nursing licensure number)
- Resume/CV
- Two letters of recommendation
- Essay Questions
 - Please provide a brief description of your nursing experience and any applicable experience working with communities or community-based organizations. (500 words max)
 - In further detail, outline your interest in environmental health and include any relevant work, volunteer, or educational experience. (500 words max)
 - Provide a brief summary of what you bring to the fellowship program and what you hope to learn from participating. (500 words max)

To apply please feel out this form: <https://goo.gl/forms/7spdgnos4bPnsb622> by 23:59 ET on March 31st, 2019.

Applications are evaluated by a designated committee of environmental health nurse experts with determination made by a final selection committee. Applicants are selected based on their commitment to achieving health equity through addressing environmental issues, interest in further developing skills to advance community-level solutions and initiatives, and ability to adhere to program activities and expectations. Applicants will be notified of acceptance by April 16th, 2019. Fellowship start date is June 1st, 2019. **For questions regarding the Fellowship or any issues with the application process please email cara@envirn.org.**

The Environmental Health Nurse Fellowship program is made possible through the generous support from the Kresge Foundation. The Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments values diversity and inclusion in the workplace and encourages nurses from all backgrounds and experiences to apply.