

**Technical Standards for Admission
Western Carolina University
College of Health and Human Sciences
School of Health Sciences – Environmental Health Program**

The Environmental Health Program at the Western Carolina University is a dynamic and challenging program. It is nationally accredited by the National Environmental Health Science & Protection Accreditation Council (EHAC). Successful completion of the B.S. Degree in Environmental Health requires a student who is dedicated and committed to the ideals of public and environmental health. The objectives of this program are to prepare graduates for a career in a wide variety of areas of environmental health and to become a respected and competent professional.

The technical standards set forth by the Environmental Health Program establish the essential qualities considered necessary for students admitted to this program to achieve the knowledge, skills, and competencies of an entry-level environmental health professional.

The following abilities and expectations must be met by all students admitted to the Environmental Health Program. In the event a student is unable to meet these technical standards, with or without reasonable accommodation, the student will not be admitted into the program.

Candidates for selection to the Environmental Health Program must demonstrate:

1. the mental capacity to assimilate, analyze, synthesize, integrate concepts and problem solve to assess environmental health challenges and issues;
2. to accurately, safely and efficiently use equipment and materials during the assessment of environmental health issues;
3. the ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with clients and peers, including individuals from different cultural and social backgrounds; this includes, but is not limited to, the ability to establish rapport and communicate relevant information effectively. Students must be able to understand and speak the English language at a level consistent with competent professional practice;
4. the capacity to maintain composure and continue to function well during periods of high stress;
5. the perseverance, diligence and commitment to complete the Environmental Health Program curriculum as outlined and sequenced;
6. the ability to adjust to changing situations and uncertainty in field situations;
7. affective skills and appropriate demeanor and rapport that relate to professional education.

Candidates for selection to the Environmental Health Program will be required to verify they understand and meet these technical standards or that they believe that, with certain accommodations, they can meet the standards.

Accommodations:

The Western Carolina University Student Support Services will evaluate a student who states he/she could meet the program's technical standards with accommodation and confirm that the stated condition qualifies as a disability under applicable laws.

If a student states he/she can meet the technical standards with accommodation, then the University will determine whether it agrees that the student can meet the technical standards with reasonable accommodation; this includes a review of whether the accommodations requested are reasonable, taking into account whether accommodation would jeopardize safety, or the educational process of the student or the institution, including all coursework and internship(s) deemed essential to graduation.

Check One Below:

____ I certify that I have read and understand the technical standards for selection listed above and I believe to the best of my knowledge that I can meet each of these standards without accommodation.

____ I certify that I have read and understand the technical standards for selection listed above and I believe to the best of my knowledge that I can meet each of these standards with accommodation. Should I feel I require accommodation to meet these standards, I will contact the WCU Office of Disability Services at (828) 227-2716, 144 Killian Annex. I understand that if I am unable to meet these standards with or without accommodations, I will not be admitted into the program.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____