

## The CENARH School of Environmental Health.

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**PROGRAMA DE FORMACIÓN PARA  
TÉCNICO EN SALUD AMBIENTAL**

In recognizing the importance of an effective environmental system at the local level, the Honduran Ministry of Health initiated a long-term reform effort which became a model of EH for all of Latin America

And a major element of that reform process was the establishment of a permanent training academy for new Environmental Health Technicians. The school is primarily funded and operated by the Human Resources Department of the Secretary of Health, and is co-located with the schools for Nursing assistants, and Laboratory Technicians. The 36 students of the fourth graduating class will complete their first year of studies in June, prior to their assignment to local Environmental Health Units for an additional year of internship.

As currently structured, the school includes a single Director to manage all aspects of the course, schedule teachers, monitor progress, arrange field trips and provide administrative support to students. The Director is also responsible for ensuring that copies are made of all curricular materials submitted by teachers. Subject matter, taught by central-level program specialists, includes 8 Environmental Health thematic units plus a four-week basic math and chemistry refresher module. In addition,

the Director is responsible for oversight and evaluation of student interns in the field during their second year.

The current student population of 36 includes 10 women and 7 ethnic minorities. Recruitment emphasis is given to regions of Honduras currently underserved by qualified EH Technicians.

Input from teachers indicates that while most students can manage the material presented, many are deficient in basic math skills, hence require special tutoring throughout the course. Many students from more distant, poorer regions of Honduras receive a living allowance or stipend to assist with their support in Tegucigalpa.

The school survives, but generally lacks funding to properly supply students or buy appropriate training aids and equipment used in the environmental health field. However thanks to on-going assistance from CCDEH and CEHA they have gone far to purchase supplies such as test kits, reagents, and basic equipment. Additionally past CCDEH donations have helped to fund field trips, and to aid students unable to pay even basic school costs. The California Directors have also donated 60 copies of Spanish language versions of the Disaster field manual for EH practitioners.



## **Agradecimiento (a note of gratitude)**



### **A Sr. Walter Kruse y los Miembros y Presentadores de La Conferencia de Directores de Salud Ambiental en California (CCDEH):**

Estimado Sr. Kruse;

En nombre de todos los alumnos de la Escuela de Salud Ambiental en Honduras deseamos se encuentre bien, siempre elevando nuestras plegarias a nuestro Dios hacia su organización y así mismo a su familia, es un honor para nosotros estar y permanecer en comunicación con usted, con el licenciado Dennis Kalson y todos aquellos que le rodean.

Por medio de la presente hacemos un cordial agradecimiento, por su aporte a los diferentes grupos que han cursado en el Centro de Adiestramiento de Recursos Humanos (CENARH). En el programa Técnicos de Salud Ambiental, ya que gracias a su colaboración ellos han logrado poder finalizar dicho curso. Anticipadamente damos gracias por la ayuda hacia nosotros. Esperando y deseando éxitos en sus tareas diarias no descartando un día tener el privilegio de ponerlo a conocerle.

Así mismo agradecemos también a los Miembros y Presentadores de la conferencia anual de CCDEH, tomando en cuenta su petición hacia nosotros y estando muy contentos de mandarle a usted algunas fotografías de las actividades que hemos realizado.

Ya que al ser estudiantes del Programa Técnicos en salud ambiental realizamos diferentes actividades que en un momento pondremos en práctica, sabiendo que al cursar este programa podremos desempeñar una labor muy bonita como es la salud ambiental, prevención, promoción de salud y mucho más. Es un orgullo para nosotros como estudiantes

que en Honduras haya un programa como este donde los jóvenes podemos ayudar a nuestra comunidad a estar bien-justamente mañana realizaremos una actividad en Valle de Angeles, elaboración de croquis.

Seguidamente las próximas dos semanas a partir del 30 de agosto, nos desplazaremos hacia la ciudad de Catacamas reside para una práctica de entomología (captura e identificación de vectores) retornando hacia resident3a el 13 de septiembre.

Nos despedimos siempre deseando éxitos en su conferencia anual y sus actividades diarias.

Atentamente,

***Estudiantes del programa Técnicos en salud ambiental (T.S.A)***

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***A note of Thanks to CCDEH, President Walter Kruse, CCDEH Members***

Dear Mr. Kruse;

On behalf of all the students in the Honduran School of Environmental we hope that you are well, and may God bless you, your organization and your families. We consider it an honor to be in communication with you, and with Mr. Dennis Kalson as well as your staff and CCDEH members.



Through this letter we hope to convey our most cordial thanks for your past support for all those who have passed through the EH course at the Human Resources Training Center (CENARH). Thanks to your collaboration many have been able to complete the training program for Environmental Health Technicians (EHT).

We also want to thank you in advance for your help with the current class. Wishing you great success in your daily efforts, we will not give up the hope that one day we will be privileged to meet you

Likewise, we would like to thank the members and presenters at the CCDEH annual conference. In answer to your request for pictures, we will be pleased to forward photos of some of our recent field exercises.

As students in the EHT Program, we undertake a variety of activities to learn EH practice, tools and techniques while understanding that by passing this course we can deliver an important and beautiful service in Environmental Health, disease prevention, health promotion and so much more. We are proud as EH students in Honduras that our country offers a program such as this where young people can learn to serve their communities and improve the well-being of all.

In fact, tomorrow our class assignment is to develop a community map in the Angeles Valley (a large barrio of Tegucigalpa). In the following weeks (August 30 to September 14) we will travel to the town of Catacamas for field practice in entomology (capture and identification of mosquito vectors).

In closing, we wish you success in your daily activities as well as in your conference. Atentamente,

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