

Environmental Sanitation Training Courses

THE SOUTHEASTERN Field Training Station has been established by the Communicable Disease Center Training Branch of the Public Health Service. The station is located at 441 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, and is open to trainees from States in the southeastern area—Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

The training program is designed to provide practical up-to-date training for State and local public health personnel and to encourage States to develop training programs of their own.

Most of the courses being offered or planned are in the general field of environmental sanitation. Future training may be extended into other fields as necessary. Much of the trainee's time will be spent in laboratory or field demonstrations. Classroom discussions are informal, supplemented by slides, films, and other training aids. The usual hours are from 8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

A 12-week course in environmental sanitation will be given twice during 1954, and a 12-week course in sanitary engineering, once. Other courses will be given one or more times as necessary to meet the needs of the States in the region.

The 1954 curriculum also includes short courses in milk sanitation (1 week), food sanitation (1 week), school sanitation (3 days),

swimming pool sanitation (3 to 5 days), and dining car sanitation (1 day). Also, 1-week courses are offered for sewage plant operators and water plant operators. In addition, courses in insect and rodent control and housing sanitation are offered. A 4-day tuberculosis short course for health officers is being planned.

The staff is furnished by the Communicable Disease Center Training Branch. Facilities of the Public Health Service in Atlanta and of the Georgia State Department of Health and the Fulton County and DeKalb County Health Departments in Georgia are utilized in the training done in the Atlanta area. Where training courses would be planned and conducted cooperatively with other State health departments, they can be decentralized. Courses may be modified as necessary in order to meet the needs of the trainees in attendance.

Employees of official organizations concerned with public health may apply. Also, applicants may be persons who would qualify for employment in public health after receiving the training at the new station. A limited number of trainees from private organizations and industry may be accepted when space is available. Trainees representing other departments which are concerned with certain aspects of public health, such as departments of agriculture and conservation, are also eligible. From 10 to 20 trainees are usually admitted to each class.

Each application should be approved by the State health officer in the applicant's home State, even though the applicant may not be employed by the State health department. This requirement does not apply to Federal employees, however. Applications should be routed through the sponsoring agency to Chief, Training Branch, Communicable Disease Center, Public Health Service, Atlanta, Ga., or to the Regional Medical Director, Public Health Service, Atlanta, Ga.

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