

Environmental Career Worker Training Program (ECWTP) - FAQ

1. What is the Environment Career Worker Training Program?

The <u>Deep South Center for Environmental Justice</u> designed the Environmental Career Worker Training Program (ECWTP) to prepare individuals for careers in the environmental and construction sector, as well as promote sustainable practices in our communities. This program is open to individuals who are unemployed and underemployed. Interested individuals meeting the criteria listed below may apply.

2. Who can apply?

To apply to the ECWTP, an individual must meet the following criteria:

- Be fully COVID-19 vaccinated
- Take and pass the TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education)
- Have a valid State driver's license or ID and a social security card
- Have a residence in the New Orleans Metro area
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Be unemployed or underemployed
- Be able to pass a drug test
- Speak, read, and comprehend English
- Make a commitment to attend and participate in the 12-week training program
- Be willing to work upon completion of the program

3. How can I apply to be an ECWTP trainee?

To apply, complete the online <u>application</u>. DSCEJ will review all applications and make a selection of applicants to accept in the ECWTP.

For more information contact Jeremy Davis, ECWTP Program Manager, at jeremyd@dscej.org.

4. What are the program's goals?

ECWTP aims to provide trainees with quality training, certifications, and job placement support, ultimately leading to sustainable and rewarding careers in the environmental and construction sector.

5. What types of environmental careers can I pursue through ECWTP?

The program offers training and certifications in various environmental areas including hazardous materials clean-up, construction, disaster recovery and response, asbestos, lead, and mold remediation, energy efficiency, and more. We can also help you to explore your career interests.

6. What are the program benefits?

ECWTP supports the growth of the environmental and construction sector and promotes sustainable practices in our communities. DSCEJ is dedicated to making a positive impact on both the environment and the local workforce. Other benefits of ECWTP include:

- Industry-recognized certifications
- Support in job placement
- Support with wrap-around services
- Networking opportunities

7. How long does the program last?

The duration of ECWTP is 12 weeks.

Weeks 1-6: Basic Skills Training

Study Skills, Mathematics, Introduction to Hazardous Materials, Computer Basics, Life Skills, Job Readiness, and Physical Fitness

Weeks 7-12: Technical Training

Construction, Weatherization, Lead Abatement, Asbestos Abatement, Hazardous Waste Worker, Mold Remediation, and OSHA Construction or General Industry.

8. Is there financial assistance available for program trainees?

ECWTP trainees will be provided a stipend to support their participation in the 12-week program and offset the cost of transportation.

9. What is the success rate of ECWTP graduates in finding jobs in their field?

DSCEJ maintains an 88-90% job placement rate that secures meaningful employment in the environmental and construction sector for ECWTP trainees. DSCEJ offers a strong network of employers and provides job placement support.

10. How can I get more information?

Contact Jeremy Davis, ECWTP Program Manager 504-272-0956 jeremyd@dscej.org www.dscej.org.