Children's and Reproductive Environmental Health Educator Program

APPLY BY: 11/20/2026

Clinical educators interested in environmental health education (EHE) are invited to apply for PEHSU's inaugural **CARE Health Educator Program**. Ideal candidates are **nursing or medical educators** who lead a course, clerkship, or program around pediatric and reproductive health.

ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP:

- Fellows participate in a longitudinal **6-month professional development series** (January to June 2027), on pediatric and reproductive EHE while developing EHE projects for implementation at their home institution.
- Trainings consist of five monthly, two-hour **virtual sessions** and one **in-person final symposium** in Atlanta, Georgia on June 15. Virtual sessions cover core topics in health professions education with a focus on application to environmental health, such as curricular integration, engaging with theoretical frameworks, backward design and evaluation, implementation tools for success, and education scholarship.
- Fellows develop **EHE projects** with support from both PEHSU faculty and each other throughout the course of the fellowship.

OTHER BENEFITS There is **no cost** for this program. The program will cover travel costs for accepted Fellows to attend and present at the final convening. Fellows may be eligible to claim CME/CNE.

HOW TO APPLY

- *Submit a **1-page maximum proposal** for a pediatric and/or reproductive environmental health education curricular project and your CV to pehsunpo@phi.org by 11/20/2026.
- Include your **project title, project description, number and level of learners** impacted by your project, **key considerations** for implementation, and **project outcomes.**
- Finalists will be notified **mid-December** and asked to provide a letter of support from leadership at your school (e.g. Department Chair, Vice Chair of Education, Program Director, or Dean's Office).

*Priority is given to candidates at PEHSU-affiliated or adjacent institutions, those whose projects engage learners in the curriculum development process, and/or those whose projects relate to clinical applications of environmental health.

ABOUT PEHSU:

The Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units (PEHSU) are a national, federally-funded network of experts in reproductive and children's health issues related to the environment. Ten regional PEHSUs bring knowledge and expertise on clinical implications of environmental health exposures and highly-relevant educational topics in environmental health. This program leverages PEHSU expertise to support health educators.

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