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Director of Environmental Health  
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**Education**

- The Pennsylvania State University
  - Bachelor of Science
    - Major: Environmental Resource Management
    - Minor : Freshwater Resources
- Consortium of Eastern Ohio Universities  
Youngstown State University
  - Master of Public Health

**Certifications**

- National Certified Public Health (CPH)  
Professional: Charter Member, October 2009
- Registered Sanitarian: State of Ohio, June 1984
- Registered Environmental Health Specialist:  
National Environmental Health Association

**Certifications**

- Certified Pool Inspector (CPO)
- Ohio Commercial Pesticide Applicator
  - Ohio Department of Agriculture
- Trained Facilitator:
  - Ohio State University Center for Public Health Practice and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

**Career Path**

- Mahoning County General Health District
  - Specialized Environmental Health Sanitarian (1982 – 1984)
    - Food Safety Program
- Geauga County General Health District
  - General Environmental Public Health Sanitarian (1984 – 1988)
    - Food Safety, Pools & Spas, Campgrounds, Household Sewage Treatment, Private Water Systems, Schools, Rabies, Vector borne diseases (mosquitoes), Solid Waste, Construction & Demolition Debris, Nuisance Complaints

**Career Path**

- Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
  - Division Of Materials & Waste Management  
1988- 1990
    - Environmental Specialist
      - Solid Waste Landfill Facility Inspections
      - Construction & Demolition Debris Facility Inspections
      - Infectious Waste Treatment Facility Inspections
      - Infectious Waste Generator Inspections
      - Clean Hard Fill Management
      - Compost Facility Inspections
      - Open Dumping & Nuisance Complaints

### **Career Path**

- Mahoning County General Health District
  - Specialized Environmental Health Sanitarian (1994 – 2004)
    - Solid & Infectious Waste Program
  - Deputy Director (2004 - 2009)
    - Solid & Infectious Waste Program
  - Director of Environmental Health (2009 – January 2015)
- Portage County Combined General Health District
  - Director of Environmental Health
    - January 2015 to present

### **Other Responsibilities**

- Public Information Officer
- Emergency Response Readiness Team Training Coordinator
- 1.2.3 Concrete, Inc.
  - President
    - Commercial Concrete Corporation
    - Business in Ohio and New York and Pennsylvania

### **Professional Associations**

- APHA
- OPHA
- NEHA
- OEHA (Treasurer)
- Portage & Mahoning County Township Associations
- OOWA
- YSU & PSU Alumni
- Farm Bureau

### **Leadership Activities**

- Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) Accreditation Site Visitor
  - 2012 to present
- Environmental Public Health Leadership Institute
  - Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
  - 2009
- CEOMPH Leadership Institute Program
- The Protocol for Assessing Community Excellence in Environmental Health (PACE EH)

### **Master of Public Health Expectations**

- Public Health Core Functions
- 10 Essential Services of PH
- Core Competencies
  - Council on Linkages

### **Master of Public Health Expectations**

- Performance Management
- Technical Writing
- Evaluation
  - Program Evaluation
  - Process Evaluation

**Master of Public Health Expectations**

- Quality Improvement
- Critical Thinking Skills
- Systems Thinking

**Master of Public Health Expectations**

- Technical Writing

**Recommendations**

- Volunteer
  - In field and other activities that demonstrate collaboration
- Internships
- Always use a cover letter
  - Be accurate
  - Be professional
- Utilize the technical writing clinics
- Mock interviews