

Healthy Homes Specialist Credential

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About the Credential

- Administered by the National Center for Healthy Housing and the National Environmental Healthy Association
- Signifies competency in the seven principles of healthy homes and how to put them into practice.
- Goals:
 - Widespread recognition by consumers and embraced by industry.
 - Connotes technical expertise, credibility, and commitment to family health and well-being.
- Objectives:
 - 5,000 Healthy Housing Specialist Credentialed by September 30, 2013.
 - Reasonably available in every state.



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Progress to Date

- 374 applications received
- 325 tests taken
- 110 credentialed (as of 10/31/08).



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Target Audiences

- Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control Grantees
- Pest Management Professionals
- Lead-Based Paint Risk Assessors/Inspectors
- Mold Professionals
- Environmental health professionals
- Public health nurses
- Community health workers
- Code inspectors



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Requirements

- Credential Requirements:
 - Be at least 21 years of age, 5 years of relevant experience
 - Pass exam with 70% or higher
 - Complete an on-line home visual assessment exercise
- Cost:
 - NEHA member - \$150
 - Non-NEHA member - \$205
 - NEHA Membership - \$95
 - Eligible expense for HUD LHC and HH grantees



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Preparing for the Exam

- Online References and Hints
 - www.healthyhomestraining.org/Credential/References.htm
- *Essentials of Healthy Homes Practitioner Course* (two days)
 - Not a prerequisite for the Credential exam but good preparation



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Test Options

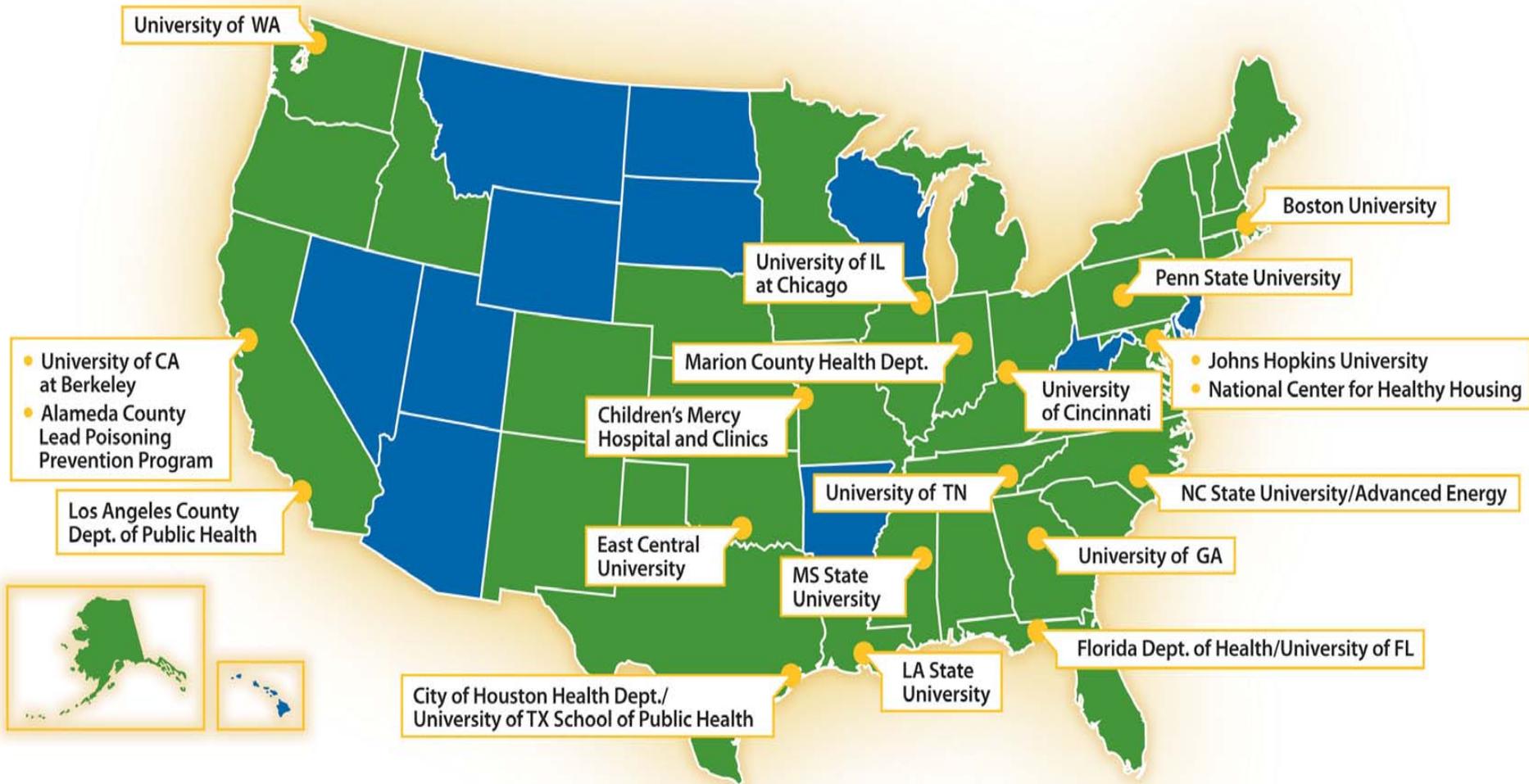
- At end of *Essentials for Healthy Homes Practitioner* course
 - www.healthyhomestraining.org
- Computer Testing at LASERGRADE.
 - Additional fee of \$45.00.
 - www.lasergrade.com/locate.shtml
- NEHA Annual Educational Conference and Exhibition.
 - Atlanta, Georgia, June 21-24, 2009



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Training Network



Marketing the Credential

- Trademark the Healthy Homes Specialist™ name.
- Develop a brand/identity for the Credential
- Develop a a web-based toolkit of collateral materials to support the Credential
 - Sample letter to the editor
 - Sample press release
 - Logo use guidelines
- Pursue partnerships with professional associations to market the Credential
 - American Society of Home Inspectors
 - Realtors
- Develop an online listing of Healthy Homes Specialists



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