

**SOP Educational Efforts**  
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**The NC Environmental Health State of Practice (SOP) Committee** started in 1981 as a joint venture by the UNC School of Public Health and the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources and successfully coordinated by The North Carolina Institute for Public Health, Office of Continuing Education, School of Public Health, UNC-Chapel Hill, NC.

This award-winning program provides post-graduate level, continuing professional education and work force development to environmental health personnel from across North Carolina and nearby states.

The practitioner-based State of Practice Committee has, since 1981, provided more than 517 workshops, awarding over 272,720 hours of environmental continuing education, to public health professionals (as of July 1, 2004 ). During fiscal year 2003-2004, the nationally recognized NC SOP Committee designed, developed, and delivered nearly 7,400 hours of continuing education to over 430 specialists through more than 17 workshops held on-site across North Carolina. Over 100 volunteer faculty instructors taught courses to environmental health specialists during this fiscal year.

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**In Cooperation with:**

- Office of Continuing Education, The North Carolina Institute for Public Health, School of Public Health, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources
- NC State Board of Sanitarian Examiners
- and more than 20 state and local agencies and institutions.