



# Institute of Professional Environmental Practice

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## *Environmental Professional Intern*

### **What is the EPI?**

The Environmental Professional Intern (EPI) program is an entry-level certification for environmental students and environmental professionals who are just beginning their careers, and is an optional first step towards obtaining QEP status. The EPI is an opportunity for students anticipating entering the environmental field or for graduates who have recently entered the field to demonstrate personal knowledge of general environmental science. **The EPI program offers the availability of a QEP mentor to provide the EPI with professional guidance and introduction into a network of highly respected senior environmental professionals. The EPI certification expires seven years from the date certified.**

### **What is involved in obtaining the EPI?**

The EPI is available to college or university seniors who are working towards a technical baccalaureate/masters degree in physical, earth or natural sciences, engineering, or mathematics; or an individual who has within the last five years received a baccalaureate/masters degree in one of the above mentioned disciplines and who has just entered, or anticipates entering, the environmental profession. Individuals can submit an application to take the general EPI exam no sooner than the last semester/final quarter of their junior year.

### **What fees are involved?**

**Summary of EPI fees:** \$35.00 application fee; \$75.00 annual renewal with the first year's fees prorated. When an EPI applies for the full QEP status, the QEP application fee is waived, but the EPI must submit an examination fee of \$150.00.

### **How is the QEP exam scheduled?**

Candidates have one year to take the exam after IPEP's Admissions Committee approves their applications. Exams are scheduled through individual QEP Regional Coordinators in the candidate's general geographic area. The specifics regarding the exact date, time, and location for a candidate's exam are handled by the Regional Coordinator.