The North Carolina Healthcare Foundation (NCHF) has partnered with the Association for the Healthcare Environment (AHE) to offer AHE’s virtual Certified Health Care Environmental Services Technician (CHEST) Train-the-Trainer (T3) program to North Carolina health systems.

The CHEST T3 program is designed to train and equip environmental service (EVS) managers and directors to deliver standardized, high-quality, evidence-based education and training to frontline EVS providers to help them achieve AHE’s CHEST certification.

Participants will complete a three-day virtual training program in May 2022 facilitated by AHE’s Master CHEST Trainers, to become CHEST trainers (T-CHESTS). Upon completion, participants will then focus on delivering training to their EVS team, using AHE materials and also administer online certification exams.

Program Fees

**CHEST T3 Training and Technical Assistance Program:** No Cost. Participants will also receive a free, one-year AHE membership to facilitate professional networking and development.

**CHEST Certification for EVS staff:** NCHF will cover the AHE certification fee for up to 10 EVS staff. Additional certifications will cost $129 per person (discounted rate for North Carolina cohort).

Participant Expectations

1. Enroll a system or facility level environmental service manager or director to participate
2. Submit baseline data on targeted workforce and quality metrics prior to implementation
3. Attend a virtual, 3-day training to become a CHEST Trainer
4. Develop an action plan to train and certify facility EVS staff
5. Train and certify at least 50% of EVS staff by Dec. 31, 2022
6. Submit post training and program implementation data in 2023
7. Commit to ongoing efforts to support CHEST training and certification within the organization

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