



American Council for Accredited Certification

Field Experience Requirements

Environmental Investigation (CIEC and CIE)

The Council-certified Indoor Environmental Consultant (CIEC) and the Council-certified Indoor Environmentalist (CIE) must possess verifiable field experience in indoor air quality investigations. What types of activities qualify as investigations? What types of activities do not qualify?

An investigation is a thorough inquiry or probe into the causes of an indoor air quality problem, and is accompanied by a report of findings or a scope of work document to be used in remediation. Investigative activities include visual inspection, testing, monitoring, sampling and other activities designed to prove or disprove hypotheses related to IAQ problems.

Certain other activities, while often important to the resolution of IAQ problems, do not qualify as investigations. Such activities include the installation, adjustment, replacement or repair of equipment, contents cleaning and restoration, and other forms of remediation.

Candidates whose IAQ-related field experience does not extend to investigations should consider either the Remediation or IAQ Management certification tracks.

Microbial Remediation (CMRS and CMR)

The Council-certified Microbial Remediation Supervisor (CMRS) and the Council-certified Mold Remediator (CMR) must possess verifiable field experience in microbial remediation. What types of activities qualify as remediation? What types of activities do not qualify?

Microbial remediation is the process of correcting improper conditions in the indoor environment that result from microbial or environmental contamination. Remediation activities include cleaning, drying, treating, sealing and the removal and replacement of building materials, as well as other procedures necessary to these activities, such as the design and implementation of engineering controls and safety measures.

Certain other activities, while often important to a successful project, do not qualify as remediation. Such activities include testing, monitoring and sampling, writing scope of work documents, investigations into the causes of IAQ problems, and the installation, replacement or repair of mechanical equipment.

Candidates whose IAQ-related field experience does not include remediation as here defined should consider either the Investigative or IAQ Management certification tracks.

For assistance, please contact our helpful staff at (888) 808-8381.