The Benefits of Being a CHP

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Women as CHP’s—how many are there?*

- In 1988 when I became certified—only 20 women (3%) were CHPs!
- In ~2010, 150 women CHP’s (12%)
- In 2023, 169 women CHP’s (15%)

*no gender data is collected so this is a rough count based on names

Not many!
Why are there so few women CHPs?

- Hard to juggle it all!
- Early stage in career-working, school, family, etc.
- And you want me to study for an exam too?!?
Is it worth it?
The benefits:

- You are identified as a qualified, knowledgeable employee
- You gain professional credibility
- Your career may be advanced
- You may stand above the competition
- Your earnings potential increases
Examples of recent job postings looking for CHPs

- RSO-Yale New Haven Health, New Haven, CT – CHP desired
- Manager, Radiation Protection Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, NM – CHP required
- Health Physicist III – Radiation Safety, Northwestern Medicine, Chicago, IL- CHP preferred
- Mid-Level Environmental Health Physicist, H3 Environmental, Albuquerque, NM- CHP desired
You are qualified!

- NRC 10 CFR Part 35.50 -required training and certification for medical RSO/Associate RSO met by CHP

- American Board Medical Physicists Reciprocity- CHPs wishing to enter the ABMP certification process to proceed directly to the ABMP Part III (oral exam) for medical health physics (MHP), given that they meet additional requirements applicable to all MHP candidates
Benefits 2022 Salary Survey*

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+$27,529.0 difference on average with certification!

* February 2022 CHP Corner
Exam Passage Rates

5-year average PRE COVID (2015-2019) passed:
Part I: 45% Part 2: 45% passed

2020 and 2021--- COVID years
► 2020 Part 1: 43%  2020 Part 2: 44%
► 2021 Part 1: 32%  2021 Part 2: 10%

2022........
► 2022 Part 1: 22%  2022 Part 2: 63%
How to Prepare for the Exam

- See exam preparation guide at AAHP-ABHP.org website! Allow plenty of time to study! 200-500 hours average.

- From personal experience, I found the CHP exam preparatory classes and guides very helpful.

- As an employer, consider giving your employee time to study each week before the exam and pay for a preparatory class- invest in your employee!
Be a mentor to a budding CHP!

- Mentor people studying for the exam!
- Gather family support for the effort!

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