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SMH's Tod Ashe Earns Professional Certification

PLYMOUTH, N.H. --- Tod Ashe, director of environmental services at Spear Memorial Hospital, has become a Certified Healthcare Environmental Services Professional (CHESP) through the American Hospital Associations (AHA).



As only two other hospitals in New Hampshire employ people with this accreditation, Ashe joins an elite group in the field of healthcare environmental services. “This is something that I’ve wanted to obtain for a while, because for someone in my profession this is one of the top certifications you can receive,” says Ashe of his recent CHESP certification.

To achieve his CHESP certification, Ashe had to first satisfy eligibility requirements composed of work experience and education. He also had to agree to adhere to professional standards of conduct, and pass the CHESP exam. This objective and rigorous assessment tests the participant’s professional knowledge about topics related to environmental service such as: regulatory compliance, design and construction, finance, administration, and operations related to environmental sanitation, waste management, and textile management.

Housekeeping may not be the first occupation that comes to mind when thinking about Spear Memorial Hospital, however, it is a crucial part of ensuring that the hospital

functions properly. The environmental services department not only handles the linens and manages medical waste, but they are also the first responders to fire drills and security. Ashe hopes that the CHESP certification will help patients understand, “There is more to housekeeping, than just housekeeping.”

Speare Memorial Hospital is a 24-hour, acute care, non-profit community hospital and health care provider serving Plymouth and the communities of central New Hampshire for more than a century. Visit online at www.spearehospital.com

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