

Hadassah Community College Producing Israel's First Engineers In Ecology

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become the first practical engineers in ecology and environmental sciences to graduate from a new two-year program that is the only one of its kind in Israel.

In addition to required subjects in the College's laboratory assistants course, the program includes studies in air and water quality, noise pollution, sewage recycling, industrial waste, hygiene and Israeli environmental law.

Course coordinator Miryam Bairey-Albuquerque, a native of Houston, Texas who made aliyah to Israel and is a lecturer on water technology, says most of the students in the program are older and have previous work and educational experience. Many of the students are currently working as laboratory technicians in related fields.

An important part of her work in the new program is helping students find research positions to complete the course requirement of a three-month project. "Because they are qualified laboratory assistants, Hadassah students are welcomed in environmental science laboratories run by the Ministries of Health and Interior, the Hebrew University and Medical School and in various municipalities," Bairey-Albuquerque says.

Eitan Ozeri is typical of the College's graduate who have returned to complete the environmental program. He graduated from the College six years ago and works as a laboratory assistant in the Virology Department of the Hebrew University Hadassah Medical School. For the past two years he has been attending lectures on ecology and environmental science at the College in the afternoons.

Ozeri's research at the Medical School's Virology Department involves a survey of viruses which cause intestinal disorders and which are found in water. He is testing for the presence of these viruses in various stages of sewage treatment in order to assess possible health hazards of using effluents for irrigation. His goal is to develop a fast and accurate method for routine monitoring of drinking water.

Another graduate ecology student is Clara Suissa, a resident of a Galilee kibbutz and a laboratory assistant in an environmental science institute. She is conducting research into the changing quality of water in the Dan River as a consequence of man's intervention.

The Dan has several tributaries which receive the run-off from fishponds and from agricultural settlements which rely on natural processes of sewage disposal. Suissa is monitoring water quality at different points along the river, including pumping stations which provide drinking water to the settlements.

A third student, Dvora Beit An, is working with researchers in the Hebrew University's Meteorology Department to measure the effects of various plants on air quality. Some plants absorb pollutants and help cleanse the air, while others may increase the level of polluting hydrocarbons in the atmosphere.

Professor Uriel Bachrach, head of the Department of Molecular Biology in the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Medicine, is also the director of the new course in Practical Engineering in Ecology and Environmental Sciences.

The legal implications of sexual harassment will be the focus of a one-day seminar on Sexual Harassment in the Workplace, offered by UNLV's Division of Continuing Education at the Holiday Inn-Center Strip on October 25 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Marti Ashcraft, a local attorney and authority on sexual harassment issues, will discuss the problem and how it affects productivity.

The seminar will offer an overview of state and federal laws regarding sexual harassment and will provide strategies that managers can employ to comply with these laws and avoid liability.

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