



Edmonds College / Pierce College Occupational Safety & Health Program

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Edmonds College



- Located in Lynnwood, WA



Pierce College



- 3 campus locations:
 - Lakewood (Fort Steilacoom)
 - Puyallup
 - Joint Base Lewis-McCord



OSH Program Overview

- Program has been in existence for 16 years.
- We are an online program
 - All OSH classes are only offered in an online asynchronous format.
 - General education class requirements can also be completed online.
- Unique joint program shared between two different college systems.
 - Students from two colleges combined into the same classes

OSH Curriculum

- Introduction to Occupational Safety & Health
- Safety Management
- Incident Investigation
- Workers Compensation & Risk Management
- Safety Training Methods
- Industrial Security
- Industrial Hygiene
- Ergonomics
- Hazardous Materials Response
- Construction Safety
- Internship



Degrees & Certificates Offered

- Associate of Applied Science – Transfer Degree (AAS-T) in Occupational Safety & Health (90 credits)
 - Reduced the number of required credits from 99 to 90
 - Added new course options to increase flexibility
- Certificate in Occupational Safety & Health (43 credits)
- Certificate in Construction Safety (56 credits)



Certified Safety Specialist Apprenticeship

- We offer the only state registered and federally registered apprenticeship in Occupational Safety & Health in the country.
- Approved by the state in 2017 (8 years)
- Partnership with Intuitive Safety Solutions (They are the apprenticeship Sponsor and Administrator).
 - They deal with all administrative aspects of apprenticeship
 - They were recently awarded a grant covering most apprenticeship expenses based on student need



Certified Safety Specialist Apprenticeship

- Requires completion of:
 - 43 credits hours of OSH college level coursework
 - 4500 hours of on-the-job experience in workplace health and safety.
- Upon completion – awarded Journeyman certificate from the state.

OSH Program - Student Demographics

- No barrier entry – we accept anyone who is interested
- Very wide spectrum of students
 - Majority are first year college students.
 - Average age – mid 40s, Fewer younger students
 - Large number (at least 1/2) come through Labor & Industries. Worker Retraining – Injured on the job.
 - These students usually bring in extensive work experience often in the skilled trades
 - Some have years of H&S experience, just no degree
 - Many students are working full-time or part-time.

Edmonds/Pierce Program Needs



- Internship/job shadow sites!!!!!!!!!!
- Students need to complete 90 hours over an academic quarter.
 - (Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer)
- Employer sites are needed across the State
 - Particular areas of need:
 - Pierce County, Snohomish County, Kitsap County
- I need a list of employer safety contacts to call
- Industry Advisory Committee
 - Provides direction to the program

Questions

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