

OSHA[®] FactSheet

OSHA Training Institute (OTI) Education Centers

The OSHA Training Institute (OTI) Education Centers are a national network of nonprofit organizations authorized by OSHA to deliver occupational safety and health training to private sector workers, supervisors, and employers. These organizations are selected through a competitive process based upon their occupational safety and health training experience. The OTI Education Centers offer courses and seminars on a variety of safety and health topics. They also support the OSHA training mission through other safety and health programs, including community outreach efforts, courses offered in Spanish, and various youth initiatives. The OTI Education Centers help to ensure safe and healthful working conditions for working men and women by providing training on hazard recognition and avoidance to workers, employers, and safety professionals.

Program Background

The OTI Education Centers Program was created to meet the growing demand for private sector training received at the OSHA Training Institute (OTI) in Arlington Heights, Illinois. While OTI provides training designed for Federal and State compliance officers, and State consultation program staff, the OTI Education Centers provide training for private sector personnel and personnel from federal agencies other than OSHA. The program began with four organizations selected in 1992.

Program Growth

OSHA continues to add new organizations to the program in order to increase the availability of OSHA training for the private sector. There are currently 25 OTI Education Centers, comprised of 44 member organizations, located throughout the country, including at least one in each OSHA Region. The program features permanent training locations in 28 of the 48 most populous major metropolitan areas. The number of participants trained through the OTI Education Centers has increased every year since the program's inception. Between FY 2001 and FY 2010, more than 225,000 participants were trained through the OTI Education Centers.

Who Should Attend Courses?

OTI Education Centers offer training courses designed for workers, employers, supervisors and managers. Training is offered through an open enrollment format and on a contract basis for organizations within OSHA's jurisdiction.

How Do I Find Training?

Each OTI Education Center posts its course offerings, schedule, fees, and training locations on its own website. For a complete list of all OTI Education Centers, please visit:

https://www.osha.gov/dte/edcenters/current_list.html



Program Benefits

- Participants receive training on safety and health hazard recognition and abatement
- OSHA-authorized safety and health training is available at convenient locations nationwide
- OTI Education Centers offer customized training schedules and formats
- Contract training courses can be delivered at off-site locations and/or with an industry-specific focus
- Some training courses are available in Spanish to meet organizational needs
- Some courses offer professional development opportunities, including Continuing Education Units (CEUs), and/or Certification Maintenance (CM) Points



Certificate and Degree Programs

Many OTI Education Centers offer certificate or degree programs to provide additional opportunities for professional development. Degree programs include associate, bachelor, master and doctoral level. For a complete listing of these programs, please visit the OSHA website at:

www.osha.gov/dte/edcenters/certificate.html

OTI Education Center Trainer Courses

The OTI Education Centers offer Outreach Training Program trainer series courses, including prerequisite, trainer and trainer update courses:

- #500 Trainer Course in Occupational Safety and Health Standards for the Construction Industry
- #501 Trainer Course in Occupational Safety and Health Standards for General Industry
- #502 Update for Construction Industry Outreach Trainers
- #503 Update for General Industry Outreach Trainers
- #510 Occupational Safety and Health Standards for the Construction Industry
- #511 Occupational Safety and Health Standards for General Industry
- #5400 Trainer Course in OSHA Standards for the Maritime Industry
- #5402 Update for Maritime Industry Outreach Trainers (*Coming Fall 2011*)
- #5410 Occupational Safety and Health Standards for the Maritime Industry (*Coming Fall 2011*)
- #5600 Disaster Site Worker Trainer Course
- #5602 Update for Disaster Site Worker Trainer Course

This is one in a series of informational fact sheets highlighting OSHA programs, policies or standards. It does not impose any new compliance requirements. For a comprehensive list of compliance requirements of OSHA standards or regulations, refer to Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This information will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. The voice phone is (202) 693-1999; teletypewriter (TTY) number: (877) 889-5627.

For more complete information:



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www.osha.gov

(800) 321-OSHA

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OTI Education Center Course Topics

- Confined Space Entry
- Electrical Standards
- Excavation, Trenching and Soil Mechanics
- Fall Arrest Systems
- Hazardous Materials
- Machinery and Machine Guarding Standards
- OSHA Guide to Industrial Hygiene
- Principles of Ergonomics
- Recordkeeping
- Respiratory Protection

OTI Education Center Short Courses

There are several OTI Education Center short courses and seminars available to meet the needs of workers and employers who would like to benefit from the OSHA Training Institute curriculum, but are unable to attend the full-week courses. Short course subject areas include:

- Accident Investigation
- Awareness of Major Hazards and Prevention Strategies in Construction Industry
- Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control
- Confined Space Standard
- Construction Noise
- Ergonomics for Nursing Homes
- Evacuation and Emergency Planning
- Excavation Hazards
- Health Hazard Awareness
- Fall Hazard Awareness for Construction
- Introduction to OSHA for Small Business
- Lockout/Tagout
- Machine Guarding
- Recordkeeping
- Safety and Health Management Systems
- Warehousing
- Writing Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)
- Pan Flu Workplace Preparedness (*New in 2010*)
- Combustible Dust Hazards (*New in 2010*)

Additional Information

For more information, including course descriptions and prerequisites, class schedules, tuition and fees, and featured organizations, please visit the OSHA website at: www.osha.gov/dte/edcenters.