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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 and public sector workers, supervisors, and employers. These organizations are selected through a competitive process based upon their occupational safety and health training experience and they receive no funding from OSHA. The OTI Education Centers offer courses and seminars on a variety of safety and health topics. The Centers 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 other 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 and public sector personnel and for personnel from federal agencies other than OSHA. The program began with four organizations selected in 1992.

Program Growth

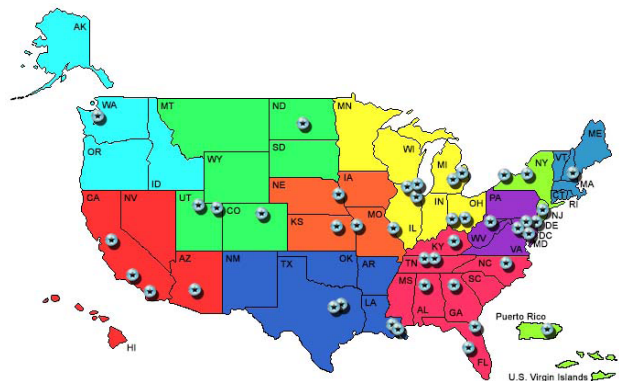
OSHA continues to add new organizations to the program to increase the availability of OSHA training for the private sector. There are currently 27 OTI Education Centers, comprised of 41 member organizations located throughout the country, including at least one in each OSHA Region. The program features permanent training locations in 24 of the 49 most densely populated major metropolitan areas in the U.S. The number of participants trained through the OTI Education Centers has increased every year since the program's inception. Between FY 2004 and FY 2013, more than 305,000 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 this Training?

A complete list of all OTI Education Centers, course descriptions, prerequisites and a searchable course schedule that includes training locations and fees can be found at: www.osha.gov/otiec.



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, bachelors, masters and doctoral level. For a complete listing of these programs, please visit the OSHA web site 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*
- #5410 *Occupational Safety and Health Standards for the Maritime Industry*
- #5600 *Disaster Site Worker Trainer Course*
- #5602 *Update for Disaster Site Worker Trainer Course*

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
- Oil & Gas Exploration & Production
- Principles of Ergonomics • Recordkeeping
- Respiratory Protection • Industrial Hygiene
- Cranes in Construction (*new in 2014*)

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 OTI Education Center curriculum, but are unable to attend multi-day courses. Short course subject areas include:

- Accident Investigation
- Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control
- Confined Space Standard
- Construction Noise
- Ergonomics Guidelines for Health Care Facilities
- Evacuation and Emergency Planning
- Excavation Hazards
- Fall Hazard Awareness for Construction
- Health Hazard Awareness
- Introduction to OSHA for Small Business
- Lockout/Tagout
- Machine Guarding
- Recordkeeping
- Safety and Health Management Systems
- Warehousing
- Combustible Dust Hazards (1- or 2-day course)
- Pandemic Flu Workplace Preparedness

Additional Information

For more information, including training locations, course descriptions, tuition and fees, and a searchable course schedule, please visit the OSHA web site at: www.osha.gov/otiec.

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 assistance, contact us. We can help. It's confidential.



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