



OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH

DESCRIPTION

With over 1,200 graduates of the program since 1989 the Occupational Safety and Health Department at Southeastern has steadily become one of the largest Occupational Safety programs in the United States. The program began as a traffic and general safety department in the 1960's and 1970's but was converted to its present focus of worker safety in the industrial, manufacturing, transportation, insurance and construction industries in 1989.

Since that time the program has seen steady growth and now averages over 300 students majoring in OSH, almost 80 graduates each year at the bachelors and masters levels, and over 500 students enrolled in occupational safety courses each semester. In addition, the American Society of Safety Engineers student chapter consistently places among the nation's best and accumulates thousands of dollars in scholarships each year for Southeastern occupational safety students. Southeastern Occupational Safety students have earned over \$175,000 in national scholarships and grants in the past five years.

DEGREE OPTIONS

Suggested minors for our undergraduate major are Environmental Science, Conservation, Management, Criminal Justice, Communication, Sociology, Psychology, Spanish, and Math. In addition to the Bachelor of Science in OSH, the department offers a primarily online **Master of Science Degree** that allows students to participate from as far away as oil platforms off the coast of Africa, Middle Eastern countries, and from all over the United States. The program has grown to over 80 students. Over 25 students have graduated from the MS in OSH program.

ACCREDITATION AND RANKING

The Occupational Safety & Health program is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, Chicago, IL. The program is ranked 1st in the nation in undergraduate and graduate engineering related degrees to Native American students.

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2007 the program experienced two major milestones with the creation of the masters program and an OSH building renovation which doubled the academic spaces and added significant lab spaces. Additional grants by various companies, including the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Granite Construction Company, Raytheon, and SKC added much needed lab equipment and training exercises bringing the program to a competitive level with any occupational safety program in the country.

INTERESTS AND SKILLS

Our students typically have an interest in saving lives for a living. They want to be out among the people, elements, and everyday operations of business and industry in a versatile workplace using their technical skills and capabilities in the practical application of occupational safety.

TYPES OF EMPLOYERS

Examples of companies hiring our graduates include Alcoa, Conoco-Phillips, Exxon-Mobil, BP, GM, Texas Instruments, Alcon Labs, NASA, Lockheed, Tyson, The Hartford, Anadarko Petroleum, Kiewit Construction, Granite Construction Company, Anheuser-Busch, OSHA, Boeing, Pratt & Whitney, Peterbilt, Baylor Medical Center, BNSF Railway, Chesapeake Energy, Raytheon, the Choctaw Nation and the Chickasaw Nation.

JOB OF RECENT OSH GRADUATES

- Safety Manager
- Loss Control Specialist
- Loss Prevention Manager
- Safety Engineer
- Industrial Hygienist



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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