

Occupational Safety Program* AAS Transfer and Certificate Degree

Law, Public Safety & Security Career Cluster

SAN JUAN COLLEGE

NATURE OF WORK

Every employer is required by law to provide a safe place of employment and to safeguard the environment. Safety professionals and safety managers are responsible for maintaining safe working conditions to meet or exceed OSHA and other regulatory requirements for safety on the job. Typically, safety professionals train employees on safety procedures, maintain required records, document injuries, investigate accidents, perform root cause analysis, and perform office and field safety inspections and audits.

WORKING CONDITIONS

A safety manager typically works from an office location and frequently travels into the field to perform safety audits and inspections. The term “out in the field” can mean from 3 to 75 miles away from their office. A safety manager is responsible for coordinating training, keeping abreast of regulatory requirements from OSHA, DOT, EPA and other regulatory agencies, developing and maintaining safety programs and required documentation.

TRAINING & QUALIFICATIONS

A safety professional can enter the safety industry with a variety of educational backgrounds and experience. Typically safety managers will have completed the OSHA 511, 30 hour general Industry course, and the OSHA 501, General Industry Instructor Course, or the Construction Standard equivalent courses. Previous work experience and formal training in safety related industries can provide enhanced knowledge of safety operations and increase job advancement.

SJC Basic Program Information

- Class enrollment is limited to 30 students per semester per instructor.
- This degree provides entry level employees with the basic knowledge and skills of safety processes necessary to efficiently perform training and maintain regulatory compliance.

CAREER OPTIONS

Safety Professional

ESTIMATED SALARY RANGE

Four Corners Area — \$50,500 - \$85,000
National salary data may be obtained by viewing the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics at (www.bls.gov).

RELATED OCCUPATIONS

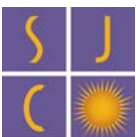
Law Enforcement, Private Security, Industrial Hygienist, Private Investigator, Insurance Adjuster, Safety Consultant.

JOB OUTLOOK

Today’s safety professionals have to wear many hats to be effective. The imminent retirement of the baby-boomer generation along with new technological advancements have opened the door for a more educated and competent safety professional who is at home with computer skills and fast paced informational exchanges. The threat of terrorism has increased awareness of safety and the role it plays in maintaining a company’s bottom line.

POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS

Any company with ten or more employees. Typically safety departments are within the oil and gas industry, construction, production companies, manufacturing, banks, insurance, retail markets, hospitals, aviation, search and rescue, public safety and security, public works, homeland security, environmental and non-profit organizations.



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