



## **IASHEP DISTANT LEARNING & COURSE CHALLENGING**

The International Association of Environmental, Health and Safety Professionals (IASHEP) believes that professional education is the key to working in the Environmental, Health and Safety field. As such, IASHEP offers Classroom, Distant Learning, Life Learning & Course Challenging opportunities as an alternative to traditional classrooms attendance when necessary.

All IASHEP courses whether they are taught by our faculty in a classroom or by Distant Learning or Course Challenging, maintain the same educational standards as those of the traditional classroom with the additional flexibility and convenience of learning built around your schedule and you can still obtain a professional credential from IASHEP by registering for our Distance Learning, Life Learning & Course Challenging .

### **Distant Learning (Geographic Flexibility)**

IASHEP believes that distance learning can increase access to educational courses for our members and students who are not located near an IASHEP offered classroom taught course. Distance learning can also increase opportunities for students across the globe, ensuring that students don't have to choose a school based solely on its location. In many ways, taking a IASHEP distant learning course is similar to a traditional face-to-face course.

You will still have an IASHEP instructor to work with you on your class assignments and also offer you education assistance if needed. All of the elements of a traditional course the syllabus, the course material, textbooks, lectures, discussions, tests and grades will be part of your distant learning course.

### **International Training Opportunities to Obtain Professional Credentials and University Degrees.**

Distance Learning features a number of advantages, particularly for non-U.S. students seeking an accredited U.S. degree. Perhaps the most relevant benefit involves the luxury of remaining in your home country while studying and consequently avoiding the inconvenience of applying for a student visa to study in the United States. Other advantages include:

- Accessibility for those living away from the training center

- No waste of time or other resources in transport, commuting to a central location for classroom training
- Flexibility to study in any convenient location with an Internet connection
- Self-paced learning
- Quickly browse materials you have already mastered, and concentrate time and effort in areas containing new information and / or skills
- Study materials at a personal speed and intensity, without having to wait or slower pace of the average classroom
- Just-in-time learning; more opportunities to study the most current material available Flexibility for those with irregular work schedules
- Accessibility for those with restricted mobility (e.g., handicapped, injured, elderly)
- Accessibility for those with family responsibilities (e.g., parents with young children at home)

### **Challenging an IASHEP Certified Course**

The International Association of Environmental, Health and Safety Professionals also believes that if you have taken a course somewhere else in the environmental, health and safety field but did not get a professional certificate or professional credential, you can challenge any IASHEP Professional Credentialed courses.

There is a Five Step Process:

1. You must be a member of International Association of Environmental, Health and Safety Professionals (IASHEP) and be a member in good standing with the organization.
2. You must petition IASHEP to challenge the course by completing the IASHEP Course Challenge document and pay your course fees. Note: The course must be of the same type as an IASHEP course and must be of equal length.
3. The fees for course challenging, is \$350.00 for a Certified Specialist Professional course and \$195.00 for a Certified Technician Professional credential. So select the IASHEP

course that you want to challenge, pay the fee and submit your information to IASHEP.

4. You then must take a proctored and timed open book examination and you must pass the written test with an 80% or better to receive your professional credential. You have three chances to pass the open book examination. Should you fail to pass the course challenge, you must then take the classroom version of the course.
5. You must find a proctor and have them complete the IASHEP proctoring form and submit it back to IASHEP. Once the form is received by IASHEP, we will contact the proctor and have your test sent to them.

IASHEP allows an open book test but you cannot use student notes and your books can not be highlighted. The proctor will examine your testing materials to ensure honesty when taking the examination.

IASHEP accepts university degrees, community colleges, military occupational specialty education (MOS) and other course providers located on this list. The courses must be in the environmental, health and safety field and your completion certificate must be within the last three years for challenging an IASHEP course. If a provider is not located on this list, please provide the name of the provider(s) and IASHEP will contact that organization and then notify you if we take their course credentials.

### **Life Learning Skills**

Unfortunately, college transcripts don't always reflect real life experience and many colleges and universities do not prepare you for the real world experience. If you have a lot of on the job knowledge and practical experience in the environmental, safety & health field but no diploma or certificate to show for it, life experience credits may give you some of the recognition you deserve. IASHEP accepts life learning experience and distance learning programs and reviews students' real life experience and grants experience credits based on what students have learned outside of the classroom.

Perhaps you've learned environmental, health or safety experience from working for your employer and gained field-specific experiences in environmental, health and safety field. Instead of sitting through a class to learn what you've already mastered, requesting life experiences can save you time and money. Please complete the IASHEP Life Experience Form for our evaluation. Once we have reviewed your document, you may then challenge an IASHEP Certified Course.

## **Online or Distant Learning Environmental, Health & Safety Degree & Certificate Providers that are recognized by IASHEP**

You may already have college or military occupational specialty (MOS) credits just waiting to be transferred. Don't leave your past behind. Take pride in your previously earned college credits, military occupational specialty, on the job or union education and life experiences. Complete the IASHEP Distant Learning or Course Challenge document and we will advise you from there.

The following organizations are recognized by IASHEP

American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE)

American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA)

All OSHA Training Institute Educational Centers (OTIEC)

Any State OSHA Consulting Group

Arizona Division of Occupational Safety & Health (ADOSH)

Arizona Southwest Chapter of National Safety Council

Arizona State University (ASU)

Atlantic OSHA Training Center - Rutgers School of Public Health

Associated General Contractors (AGC)

Atlantic OSHA Training Center – Universidad Metropolitana – Instituto de Educacion

Board of Environmental, Health & Safety Auditor Certifications (BEAC)

Board of Environmental, Health & Safety Auditor Certifications (CPEA)

California State University Dominguez Hills (CSUDH)

Canada's National Centre for Occupational Health and Safety

Board of Canadian Registered Safety Professionals (BCRSP)

Chabot – Las Positas Community College District

Coastline Community College

Construction Safety Council/ National Safety Education Center

Columbia Southern University (CSU)

Eastern Kentucky University (EKU)

Georgia Tech Research Institute

Grand Canyon University

Great Lakes OSHA Education Center – Eastern Michigan University

Great Lakes OSHA Education Center – University of Cincinnati

Keene State College

Indiana University

Institute for Safety & Health Management (ISHM)

Metropolitan Community College Kansas City Missouri

Mid-America OSHA Education Center

Mid-Atlantic OSHA Training Institute – Chesapeake Region Safety Council (CRSC)

Mid-South OSHA Education Center – Alliance Safety Council

Midwest OSHA Education Center – Barton County Community College

Midwest OSHA Education Center – National Safety Council – Nebraska

Minnesota Safety Council

National Registry of Environmental Professionals (REP)

National Safety Council

National Safety Management Society

National Safety Education Center – Northern Illinois University

National Examination Board in Occupational Safety and Health (Nebosh)

New England Institute of Technology

Northern Illinois University

Occupational Safety Councils of America (OSCA)

OSHAcademy

Red Rocks Community College

Rochester Institute of Technology

State of Nevada (SKATTS)

Midwest OSHA Education Center – Saint Louis University

National Resource Center – West Virginia University

Navajo OSHA Consultation or other Tribal Nations

Texas Engineering Extension Service

University of California San Diego (UCSD)

University of Calgary (Canada)

University of California Santa Cruz

University of Maryland University College

University of South Florida OTI Education Center

University of Texas-Arlington (TEEX)

University of Washington OSHA Training

Waldorf University

World Safety Organization (WSO)

**For more Professional Organizations that IASHEP may accept training courses from are:**

<http://www.theagapecenter.com/Organizations/Specialties/Occupational-Health-Safety.htm>

## **Veterans**

IASHEP also desires to partner with U.S. Veterans seeking employment in EHS fields where credentials are approved for reimbursement. Any eligible service member or veteran that qualifies for the Montgomery G. I. Bill, or VEAP, or Dependents Educational Assistance can send a copy of the test results along with your Reimbursement Application to the VA office that

handles your education benefits. For more details on eligibility requirements and reimbursement procedures, visit the VA web site at [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) or call 1-888-gibill-1.

**Credentialing Opportunities On-Line:**

Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (COOL) helps service members and veterans find information on certification and licenses related to their Military Occupational Specialties (MOSs). COOL explains how service members and veterans can meet civilian certification and license requirements and provides links to numerous resources to help get them started. Check out these sites: Army COOL, Navy COOL, Air Force COOL, Marine COOL.

There is a substantial need for talented and well trained individuals in the environmental, health and safety fields. Veterans and Active duty service members will find many opportunities that their skills can relate to and transfer over to the safety and health management area of certification and lead to employment.

For more information on our many programs, please write to Peggy Sue Podojil – Director at [peggysuepodojil@gmail.com](mailto:peggysuepodojil@gmail.com) or call (520) 568-5565