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Oakland University and MIOSHA form alliance to foster growth of workplace safety and health occupations

Oakland University and The Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) has formed a new alliance establishing the *MIOSHA Training Institute (MTI) to Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health and Safety Degree Program*.

The MIOSHA program is part of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA).

“This alliance is the first of its kind for MIOSHA, providing individuals in the occupational safety and health profession with a unique opportunity for professional growth,” said MIOSHA Director Bart Pickelman. “MIOSHA is pleased to work collaboratively with Oakland University to help ensure higher education and training for workplace safety and health occupations.”

The new program is available to those who have a valid MIOSHA Training Institute (MTI) Level 2 Safety and Health Management Systems (SHMS) certificate.

These individuals will be granted 11 Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) credits through a course competency by examination process satisfy part of the minimum course requirements toward the EHS Bachelor of Science degree.

The alliance formalizes a working relationship between MIOSHA and Oakland University to raise awareness of MIOSHA initiatives; promote MIOSHA Training Institute (MTI) to EHS Degree Completion Program; and utilize Oakland’s input on MTI training. Together, the participants also provide members and others with information, guidance and access to training resources that help ensure worker protections.

The MTI is a premier workplace safety and health training assessment-based certificate program. The MTI offers continuing education credits and maintenance points, and the opportunity to achieve certificates based on the most up-to-date industry standards.

Certificate programs are available for General Industry Safety and Health as well as Construction Safety and Health. An Occupational Health certificate is also available. Classes are taught entirely by MIOSHA Consultation Education and Training (CET) consultants and are consistent throughout the state.

“We are confident that this alliance with MIOSHA will enhance the ever-changing field and technological advancements of environmental health and safety,” said Ball. “We look forward to offering those employed in the field an opportunity to work toward degree completion while learning the latest practices and procedures.”

There are many benefits to participating in an alliance with MIOSHA. Through this program, organizations will:

- Build trusting, cooperative relationships
- Network with others committed to workplace safety and health
- Exchange information about best practices
- Leverage resources to maximize worker safety and health protection

Oakland University's School of Health Sciences provides students high-quality, science-based health education and academic preparation within an exceptional environment of collaborative, academic and clinical learning. For more information about Oakland University's School of Health Sciences, visit <https://oakland.edu/shs/>.

For more information about MIOSHA, please visit <http://www.michigan.gov/miosha>.

For more information about LARA, please visit www.michigan.gov/lara.



The alliance was signed on Thursday, Sept. 21 by MIOSHA CET Division Director Nella Davis-Ray; Oakland University's School of Health Sciences Dean Kevin Arth Ball and Oakland University Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost James P. Lentini.