

USF OSHA Certificate Programs

Frequently Asked Questions

Regardless of your educational background, the USF Certificate Programs provide both experienced and newer safety professionals important workplace knowledge and practical experience regarding safety and safety standards. Participants will enjoy a fulfilling learning experience and gain the skills necessary to create solutions for workplace safety challenges.

Is there a set schedule of courses for certificate programs?

No. Any course listed on the USF OTI Education Center website or course brochure is applied towards the certificate.

I already have a bachelor's degree and I am employed. Would a certificate program benefit me?

Yes. Certificate programs offer concentrated study in areas directly applicable to many jobs and can add depth to existing knowledge and skills. Completion of a certificate program can help you make the transition to a new career.

How will I benefit from this certificate?

You will become aware of government agencies that affect your industry. You will learn to communicate safety and health problems to your team in order to reduce injuries and health problems in your workplace. We will help you get started on developing an effective safety program.

What is the cost of the courses for the certificate?

There is a \$50 non-refundable fee to enroll in the certificate program. For individual course fees, see the details on our website at www.usfotcenter.org. You will receive a 20% discount on each course that is applied to the certificate program. Each course is paid for at the time of enrollment.

Can I take courses without being enrolled in the certificate program?

Yes. The certificate program consists of courses from our regular curriculum, so some students work toward a certificate while others do not. From the date of your application for the certificate program, you have five years to complete the required coursework.

Can I pursue both Construction and General Industry areas of specialization in the certificate program?

Yes as long as requirements for both certificates are met.

In what order should I take the courses after finishing the fundamental OSHA courses?

There is no required order to the coursework. Once you have completed the prerequisite courses listed previously you can take any course in your area of interest.

If I have already taken course does it apply?

If you have already taken a listed course with the University of South Florida OTI Education Center that course can be applied to a certificate. There will not be a refund of the discounted price.

Do I have to take all courses through University of South Florida OTI Education Center?

You may transfer up to 4 courses from any other OTI Education Center.

How long do I have to complete the certificate?

From the date of your application for the certificate program, you have five years to complete the required coursework.

Do I get college credit for any of these courses?

The University of South Florida does not yet offer university credit for these courses. However, several colleges nationwide do apply some of these courses towards an undergraduate degree. Check with individual colleges or universities.