

# SAFETY AND HEALTH SPECIALIST CERTIFICATE

Minimum units: 11.5

Approximate cost: \$3,300

Minimum courses: 7

Program code: CERTSFHLS

## Required Courses (11.5 units)

- \_\_\_ 3 OSHA 510 OSHA Construction Standards
- \_\_\_ 3 OSHA 511 OSHA General Industry Standards
- \_\_\_ .5 OSHA 7205 Health Hazard Awareness
- \_\_\_ 3 OSHA 7500 Introduction to Safety and Health Management
- \_\_\_ 2.5 Safety Inspection Techniques
- \_\_\_ 1.5 UCSD Introduction to Fire and Life Safety in the Workplace (online)
- \_\_\_ .5 Workers Compensation for Safety Professionals

## Time to Complete

Can be completed in as little as three to six months, although many students prefer to take one year or more.

Students have 5 years to complete the certificate from the date of the first class taken.

## Program Information

With a *Safety and Health Specialist* certificate, students will gain experience and knowledge in essential occupational safety and health topics include:

- OSHA policies, procedures, and standards, as well as construction and general industry safety and health principles
- An introduction to basic accident investigation procedures and accident analysis techniques resulting in the basic skills necessary to conduct an effective accident investigation at the workplace
- The employer's roles and responsibilities as well as the codes and standards of fire and life safety in the workplace
- An overview of workers compensation requirements and procedures

## Target Audience

Students looking to enter into a career in safety (or transitioning from another field, existing military service, etc.)

Individuals whose current occupations require them to have a solid understanding of safety principles and prevention techniques.

## Steps to completing the SHS certificate:

1. Determine if the SHS certificate is right for you by reviewing the information on this document.
2. Visit the [SHS Certificate page](#) through the UCSD OSHA Training website and select "Apply Now".
3. Fill out the application with your relevant details and submit the application.
4. Log into your [My Extension](#) account, if you do not have a My Extension account, select "Create an Account"
5. Select "My Applications" from the top of the screen
6. Select "Pay Certificate Fee" and pay the \$95.00 non-refundable certificate fee
7. Take all required coursework for the certificate program.

### Once you have completed all of your requirements:

1. Log into your My Extension account and select "My Courses"
2. Select "Request Certificate Audit" from the certificate program listed on your record.
3. Your certificate will be awarded and mailed to you after all final grades are posted.

## Demand and Job Prospects

Certificate holders may qualify for positions such as an Assistant Safety Specialist, Safety Coordinator, or Safety Technician.

Current professionals in the role of Construction Manager/Foreman and supervisors of construction laborers, Warehouse/Distribution Supervisors and others responsible for safety within an organization would also increase their career outlook.

U.S. Department of Labor projections and other industry studies show that through newly created opportunities and positions vacated due to retirement, there is a need for more than 30,000 newly trained workers by 2024.

