



Why Study Occupational Safety & Health (OSH)?

Occupational Safety & Health (OSH) is a key priority area in workplaces all over Australia – from office ergonomics to mine site safety and health regulations. Every employee, supervisor and manager must adhere to OSH standards as part of their work so understanding OSH practices and requirements will increase your employability and promotional opportunities.

The demand for safety officers is on the rise in most organisations and government is now recognising the value of dedicated safety staff in Australian workplaces. Workplaces are now demanding a Certificate IV in OSH as a minimum qualification for these roles. In fact, those acting in OSH roles without formal qualifications have found studying the subject highly practical and are rewarded for their experience by Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) which means their on-the-job training helps them achieve their qualification faster.

While OSH theory remains the same, the content and scope may change depending on the work environment. OSH graduates can enjoy significant financial rewards in some workplaces; have a choice of 9 to 5 work or Fly-In Fly-Out (FIFO) opportunities; establish their own business; or combine the qualification with further studies in education and training.

Why Study Occupational Safety & Health (OSH) at West Coast TAFE?

- West Coast TAFE offers the Certificate IV in OSH as an Accelerated Program whereby the course is delivered in two on-campus sessions, each spanning three days. Unit information, lectures and tutorials on unit elements and assessment review are also provided in separate sessions prior to the course delivery. Students are assisted in preparing a portfolio of evidence showcasing their current knowledge and application of OSH at work, to support formal qualifications. Students are encouraged and assisted to complete their assessments within a three to six month period off-campus.
- Studying OSH at West Coast TAFE is inexpensive compared to other providers of OSH qualifications
- We recognise that students' time is important and on the job experience is valued
- Lecturers have combined industry experience in Manufacturing, Mining and Education and work with expert, current industry professionals to deliver these highly valued qualifications.
- Programs cover systems safety management, legislative requirements and obligations, hazard and risk management.
- Have experience in delivering OSH qualifications at mine sites in PNG.

Courses	Career Opportunities
Certificate III in Occupational Safety & Health	This certificate offers an entry level to professional qualifications in OSH and is designed as a foundation course for those without workplace OSH experience.
Certificate IV in Occupational Safety & Health	This certificate builds on the foundations of Certificate III or suited to those with industry experience seeking formal qualifications. Graduates of this certificate will have the knowledge and skills to undertake work safety and health functions at supervisory levels within an organisation.
Diploma of Occupational Safety & Health	This course provides the necessary knowledge and skills to undertake work safety and health functions at a management level within an organisation. On completion of the Diploma and relevant work experience, students have the opportunity to undertake a Graduate Certificate in OSH through ECU.

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