



ASSP Foundation Educational Framework Development Task Force

Task Force Member Position Description

Purpose: To address the challenge that is presented with how an individual enters the occupational safety and health (OSH) profession, and to meet the needs of employers and address the quality of OSH professionals, the ASSP Foundation is developing a comprehensive educational framework to assist in a learner's career advancement, no matter where they are in their journey.

The challenge for companies, individuals, and education and training providers is to ensure all OSH professionals have the skills they need to succeed in the workplace, regardless of how they enter their OSH career, the industry or sector they support, or their individual role in an organization.

The ASSP Foundation Educational Framework Development Task Force will be active leaders in modeling, revising, and promoting flexible and adaptable education and training pathways that are grounded in industry standards that respond to labor market needs and the shifting world of work. The task force will be comprised of a diverse group of individuals who serve the OSH profession in different capacities and sectors (including leaders from colleges, employers and industry practitioners).

The ASSP Foundation Educational Framework, created by the strategic inputs from this task force, will serve as a "position" for past research and documentation that has been completed for educational safety standards that have never been reconciled or rationalized. These inputs include the 2017 OSH Body of Knowledge, ABET accreditation standards, Non-ABET OSH program requirements, the INSHPO Framework, the BCSP QAP and others.

All types of learners will benefit from this mapping. This includes new students, traditional students, career changers, former military personnel or even current OSH professionals who want to take the next step to enhance their skills. This mapping exercise will clearly delineate the type of education and training required based on level of experience and career goals. By creating this pathway, we also are meeting the learners where they are in their career so that we help develop a safety workforce that is more inclusive for the future. The result of this project will be an open-source document that can be leveraged by prospective and current OSH professionals looking to advance their education, training and careers.

Key Responsibilities

- Advise in the development of the educational framework content, within identified points in the career of an OSH professional, including a clearly defined list of required skills and knowledge, credentials, onramps, and relevant data collection methods.
- Review existing research and documentation on OSH career paths and professional learning opportunities and report back findings/recommendations to task force members
- Inform the development of the Educational Framework content and structure
- Make recommendations for the most effective strategies for maintaining the framework and ensuring its ongoing relevance for OSH professionals
- Serve as an advocate for the project as it is deployed and used by prospective and current ASSP learners/members





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Benefits

- Opportunity to shape the future of the OSH industry
- Opportunity to shape the learner journey in OSH and influence the broader industry

Time Commitment

- Task Force Term: November 2022 - January 2023
- Average hours per month: 2 hours

Qualifications

- Member of ASSP in good standing preferred
- Ability to contribute a deep and nuanced perspective of the OSH field (educators, practitioners, employers, etc.)
- Demonstrated leadership in their profession.

To ensure a well-rounded voice, we seek individuals from major sectors, such as construction, manufacturing, healthcare, military, oil and gas, and risk management.

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