

Partnership with Community and Technical College System Leads to Creation of Occupational Safety and Health Education for Students

The Challenge

Representatives of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) are members of the Louisiana Occupational Health and Injury Surveillance (LOHIS) Program's Advisory Committee, which meets quarterly to discuss current work, issues, and potential opportunities for collaborations on occupational health related projects. During an Advisory Committee meeting, a need was identified for the development of a training module to increase the amount of occupational safety and health educational resources made available to students. The course objectives are to better prepare students for entry into the workforce by improving their knowledge about the protections available to them as workers, and to provide a springboard to those interested in pursuing careers related to occupational health.

The Response

The LOHIS Program partnered with LCTCS to create a general, non-industry specific, narrated PowerPoint presentation, that would help introduce students to a basic understanding of Occupational Safety and Health. The training includes information about federal and state agencies concerned with protecting worker health, work-related injuries and illnesses that are reportable by



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law in Louisiana, common workplace hazards, work-related fatality statistics, and specific examples of workplace injuries and illnesses and how to avoid them. The training is a stand alone presentation that has been available on the LOHIS Program's webpage as of January 27, 2020, and is promoted to students, with a link provided, on Canvas, the LCTCS Learning Management System. The link to the training was also sent out to the deans and directors of the LCTCS Allied Health schools in the Spring, Summer, and Fall of 2020. Students do not register for, nor receive any college credit for this training.

The Impact

We received feedback from Allied Health faculty stating that "the content is designed very well as a broad overview for students who are exploring health occupations". Traffic to the course is tracked via a click tracker. From Spring 2020 (1/27/20) through the end of 2020 the training was visited 995 times. Of those 995 visits, 834 were unique visits where the person browsed one or more pages before leaving, and 648 were first time visits. Site traffic was highest in the spring semester, followed by the fall and summer semesters. We continue to monitor site traffic, while exploring options to increase traffic and improve the content and experience. One possibility is to include a link to a survey at the end of the presentation that will allow us collect user feedback from those who view the entire training.

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