Certification and Credentialing

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Professional Standards of Performance Current State

Industrial/Occupational Hygiene

Certified Industrial Hygienist

Education

Experience

References

Examination

Code of Ethics

Recertification/Certification Maintenance

3rd Party Accreditation - ANSI & NCCA

IOHA Recognized IH/OH Certifications

Australia Japan

Canada Malaysia

Great Britain Norway

Holland Sweden

France South Africa

Germany Switzerland

Hong Kong United States

Italy

EHS Certifications

Certified Hazardous Materials Manager/CHMM
Certified Health Physicist/CHP
Certified Professional Ergonomist/CPE
Certified Safety Professional/CSP
Qualified Environmental Professional/QEP

Educational Certificate Programs

Universities/OSHA Education Centers/NIOSH ERCs/etc.

Broad Focus - IH/Safety/Environmental
Specialization - Oil & Gas
Risk Management
GI/Construction/Maritime

Attest to knowledge/skills/competency in vocational or professional subject areas

Must take several classes/courses in related subject area May be awarded based on attendance &/or exam

Registries

Do not provide education but recognize individuals who have demonstrated competency in specialized areas of IH practice. They are intended to assess knowledge & skills (exam &/or hands-on demonstration of skill).

AIHA Registries

Asbestos Analysts

4-Gas PID

SDS & Label Authoring

Exposure Decision Analysis

Subspecialties

Regulatory/Market Driven

Asbestos/Lead/Hazwoper

IEQ/Mold

Etc., etc., etc.

Micro-credentialing

New name for old concept???

Similar to Subspecialties/Registries

Deep dive into a specific knowledge &/or skill area. Focus is on mastery of a singular competency.

Less rigor than a certification

No letters after one's name

Attractive to millennials

Digital Badges

Web based representation of a credential

Used for online job applications. Employers can click on a badge icon & verify the applicants skills.

Could document a certification, micro-credential, academic degree or achievements not formally recognized as "credentials". (Knapp & Associates International, Inc.; Micro-Credentials: Is Small the Next Big Thing?)

Professional Standards of Performance Future State

Continue to support and promote ABIH CIH certification

Do CIHs provide better outcomes?

Does CIH certification meet the needs of employers?

Consider whether "micro-credentialing" may have a role to play in attracting millennials without devaluing our current CIH certification.