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# 3M Worker Health and Safety Awareness Program



3M and the National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3) recognize the importance of early education in workplace health and safety. The types of health and safety hazards facing workers can be wide ranging and complex. Some hazards can immediately impact their life, while others may go unnoticed until years later. Millions of people across the world are injured or killed on the job each year and newly hired workers can be more at risk than more experienced workers.

This new educational program developed in conjunction with NC3 is intended for students enrolled in skilled trade programs. The goal is to increase their knowledge of (1) basic workplace health and safety principles (2) certain types of hazards they may encounter at work and how those hazards may affect them and (3) examples of personal protective equipment (PPE) they may use to help them do their jobs safely.

## Program Details

The 3M Worker Health and Safety Awareness Program covers an introduction to 3 topics:

- Respiratory hazards
- Hearing hazards
- Head, eye and face hazards

Within each topic students will participate in lecture and hands on practical labs to help them increase their knowledge and skills.

This program offers a flexible structure to benefit students and instructors. Individual instructors must participate in a NC3 Train-the-Trainer event to learn how to teach all 3 topics. Once trained, instructors can choose to teach just the one(s) that are most relevant to their students. The topics covered by the instructor will be noted on the 3M Worker Health and Safety Awareness completion certificate provided to those students who complete and pass all the criteria for the topic(s) offered.

## Benefits

In the US, most employers are required by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to provide a safe and healthy workplace. Effective training and education is one important activity companies engage in to help meet this requirement and help workers do their jobs safely every day. This certificate does not replace worksite specific training, however early exposure to health and safety concepts can help make tomorrow's workforce more aware when they arrive on the worksite and more prepared to engage right from day one to help build a strong health and safety culture.

## Learn More:

For more information on this program or to register for a Train-the-Trainer event, contact NC3 at [www.NC3.net](http://www.NC3.net)



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