

A. Program Educational Objectives:

The mission of the Industrial Hygiene Master's Program is to produce graduates who, within three years of graduation are able to:

- a. Demonstrate a high level of technical and scientific competence in recognizing, evaluating and controlling occupational and environmental hazards.
- b. Solve complex problems through a combination of observation, literature review, measurement and data analysis.
- c. Communicate effectively both orally and in writing with a wide range of constituents.
- d. Design and develop long-range goals and programs.
- e. Act and behave responsibly and ethically according to the industrial hygiene professional code of ethics.
- f. Understand the limits of their profession and seek on-going education and work experience for their professional advancement leading to professional certification.
- g. Interact competently and professionally at all levels of an organization working as a fully-contributing member of a team and accepting independent work responsibilities with a high level of self-discipline.
- h. Use skills to benefit the community in recognizing work and environmental hazards and educating those responsible for eliminating these hazards.

B. Student Outcomes

In the broadest sense, the University of Minnesota Industrial Hygiene Masters Program prepares students for professional practice as industrial hygienists who will work toward the solution of a broad range of problems in a variety of settings. More specifically, this program is designed to develop knowledge and skills in the six key areas of Recognition, Evaluation, Control, Communication, Behavior, and Management. For each of these key areas we expect students upon graduation to be able to:

Recognition

- R1. Identify health hazards of workplace processes and operations
- R2. Understand the relationship between exposures and health outcomes
- R3. Understand, interpret and apply occupational and environmental regulations
- R4. Identify and describe quantitative and qualitative aspects of hazards associated with specific sources and processes
- R5. Describe physical and chemical aspects of the generation of hazards
- R6. Recognize the influence of cultural and social factors in occupational health practices

Evaluation

- E1. Design and initiate research
- E2. Gather, manage, and analyze data
- E3. Assess risks to population health
- E4. Interpret and apply scientific findings
- E5. Measure and evaluate health and safety programs
- E6. Understand quantitative and qualitative aspects of exposure assessments, dose response, and risk characterization

- E7. Calculate, interpret, and apply statistical and epidemiological data
- E8. Design and implement an appropriate exposure assessment strategy
- E9. Understand basic principles of air sampling and its use for evaluating exposures and controls
- E10. Understand the interpretation and use of exposure guidelines
- E11. Prioritize hazards and exposures and the actions necessary for eliminating or controlling them

Control

- Con1. Design and implement work process interventions
- Con2. Recommend, evaluate and implement appropriate engineering, administrative and personal protective controls
- Con3. Select the most appropriate hazard control method(s) for a given situation
- Con4. Validate the effectiveness of selected hazard control methods

Communication

- Com1. Communicate effectively with variety of stakeholders (e.g. management, labor, etc..)
- Com2. Produce effective written communication through scientific and technical summaries and reports
- Com3. Interpret and disseminate policies
- Com4. Design and deliver adult education programs
- Com5. Communicate effectively with other safety and health professionals

Behavior

- B1. Demonstrate awareness of diversity in social and cultural beliefs
- B2. Demonstrate the importance of appropriate ethical performance and practice
- B3. Demonstrate familiarity with and be able to use professional code of ethics
- B4. Understand and apply laws and regulations
- B5. Function effectively on an interdisciplinary team
- B6. Value professional development

Management

- M1. Work collaboratively in a team
- M2. Formulate and implement guidelines and policies
- M3. Manage resources effectively
- M4. Develop and implement health and safety programs
- M5. Display effective leadership