OESM Employment Outlook

Job announcements including paid internships are sent mainly to the Occupational and Environmental Safety Management (OESM) liaison rather than to the Career Employment Center. The strong relationship that the OESM program at Honolulu Community College (HonCC) has with the local safety industry has led to regular communications between the program and industry personnel.

Job announcements received by HonCC:

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These job announcements were from the following industries – construction (private, many on military bases), transportation, miscellaneous private companies and government.

Graduate surveys are another source of data.

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Career KOKUA, a local career information resource shows that Occupational Health and Safety Specialists is a small sized occupation. There are 310 Specialists in Hawaii and 57,950 nationally as of 2012.

The job outlook projected through 2020 indicates for both Hawaii and nationally a slower than average growth.

If interested in researching the OESM employment outlook, checkout the following sites:

- An October 2011 report from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Center for Disease Control and Prevention, predicted a shortage of trained safety and health professionals to fill the demand during the next five years. *(National Assessment of the Occupational Safety and Health Workforce, October 2011. [http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/oshworkforce/]).*
- A study by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that employment of safety & health practitioners should increase nine percent during the 2006 – 2016 decade. [bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/occupational-health-and-safety-specialists.htm]
- The 2010 CNN Money magazine ranked safety and health profession number twenty-two in its article “The 50 Best Jobs in America”
- The Average Pay Rate for a Safety Manager in Hawaii
  eHow.com
- American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) Hawaii Chapter –
  Jobline
  http://www.assehawaii.org/jobline.htm
  Statistics
- Job Outlook for safety professionals 2012