



IATSE ENTERTAINMENT & EXHIBITION INDUSTRIES TRAINING TRUST FUND

Becoming an OSHA Authorized General Industry Trainer

To become an authorized trainer, a person must meet the following two prerequisites, which consist of a training and experience component:

1. Five years of general industry safety experience*. A college degree in occupational safety and health, a Certified Safety Professional (CSP), or Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) designation, in the applicable training area may be substituted for a total of two years of experience); and
2. Completion of OSHA course #511 Occupational Safety and Health Standards for General Industry. The OSHA #511 course covers OSHA standards and is only offered through the OSHA Training Institute (OTI) or its OTI Education Centers. ***Please note that the 30-hour General Industry outreach class is not considered equivalent to course #511. The 30-hour General Industry outreach class is a hazards-based class, which is delivered by OSHA authorized trainers.*** Experience cannot be substituted for the training prerequisite component. OSHA does not issue waivers for these prerequisites.

After satisfying the prerequisites, a person must complete course #501 Trainer Course in Occupational Safety and Health Standards for General Industry. This course includes knowledge and performance based tests. Trainers must pass both of these tests to become an authorized trainer. Instructors must have a teaching background with a dynamic instruction style. It is essential to engage the members in conversation and bring them into the class. Interactive learning activities are strongly encouraged.

To stay current on relevant OSHA matters, authorized General Industry outreach trainers are required to attend OSHA course #503 Update for General Industry Outreach Trainers every four years. The OSHA course #501 may also be used to maintain a trainer's authorized status. If a trainer's authorization has expired, the trainer has a 90-day grace period after their expiration date to take course #503. The 90-day grace period is designed to allow for unexpected circumstances like course cancellations, illness, and other unavoidable obligations such as jury duty. After the grace period, a trainer's authorization may only be reinstated by retaking OSHA #501. If a trainer's authorization has expired, they will be unable to conduct outreach training and receive student completion cards.

OSHA Training Institute website - <https://www.osha.gov/dte/edcenters/index.html>

Map of OSHA Training Institute locations - <https://www.osha.gov/dte/edcenters/map.html>

*If you have any questions about whether you meet these requirements contact the IATSE Training Trust Fund at info@iatsetrainingtrust.org