

Jump Start Policy Regarding OSHA Courses / Credentials

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Background – there are two types of OSHA courses: 1) Outreach Courses; and 2) OSHA Training Institute (OTI) courses.

Outreach Courses focus on hazard recognition and safety in the workplace. There are 10 and 30 hour Outreach Courses (OSHA 10 and OSHA 30) focused on Construction, General Industry, Maritime and Disaster Site Workers. These courses may be taught by Outreach instructors, and do not require a standard culminating exam.

OTI Courses – those with three and four digit course numbers – must be scheduled through an official OTI Education Center, and must be taught by properly-credentialed OTI instructors (OTI instructor qualifications are more demanding than those for Outreach instructors). OTI Courses are more complex than Outreach Courses, and focus on understanding OSHA regulations rather than on workplace behaviors. OTI Course materials are structured for adult learners, and are often not attainable by high school students.

Policy – the Department will encourage schools to focus their Jump Start OSHA credentialing efforts on Outreach Courses (OSHA 10 and OSHA 30).

The materials covered in Outreach Courses are relevant for the workplace responsibilities high school graduates will assume in their entry-level jobs. Employers value these credentials when making hiring decision. Students completing these courses earn a hard copy credential they can produce during future job interviews / job onboarding.

Further, Outreach Courses are easier to operationalize – Outreach instructors are numerous and relatively affordable.

The Department will recognize OTI Courses aligned with two criteria: a) 15+ contact hours; and b) the course materials are relevant and appropriate for high school students.

The table below indicates the OTI Courses that qualify given these two criteria.

Jump Start-Approved OSHA OTI Courses / Credentials ¹	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSHA 2015 Hazardous Materials • OSHA 2045 Machine Guarding Standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSHA 2255 Principles of Ergonomics • OSHA 3115 Fall Protection

¹– Additional OSHA courses / credentials may be added to this list based on future collaborations with Jump Start regional teams.