

THE CONSTRUCTION SAFETY PROGRAM AT KEENE STATE



THE ANSWER TO A NATIONAL NEED FOR TRAINED PROFESSIONALS

Keene State College in partnership with the Associated General Contractors of America Education and Research Foundation, will offer a fully enrolled Bachelor of Science Degree in Construction Safety and a minor in Construction Safety by 2018. This first-in-the-nation construction safety degree program answers the national demand for well-trained professionals with competencies that extend beyond technical skills and include the ability to communicate with all levels of employees and leadership, strong technical writing skills, an understanding of organizational sciences, and knowledge of the industry as well their workers' jobs.

OUR PARTNERSHIP

The dynamic partnership between Keene State College and the AGCAERF, along with a number of invested supporters, is uniquely positioned to develop and implement this academic programming that draws on the existing strengths of Keene State College, the industry knowledge of 26,000 member organizations of the Associated General Contractors, and the documented needs of the construction industry.

WHY KEENE STATE

The growth of Keene State's Safety and Occupational Health Applied Sciences program is a clear indication of student interest in the field. With a strong enrollment in 2010, the program has continued to experience double digit growth for each of the past three years. Concurrent with the growth of Keene State's academic program is the availability of related internships, job prospects, and qualified career placements for current students and recent graduates.

In addition to a foundational program that emphasizes research-based principles, best practices, and an understanding and application of regulations and related management systems, partners propose to develop core Liberal Arts competencies that are strongly supported by industry employers and professional associations. Keene State's

“The education of talented professionals in the field of construction safety results in two considerable benefits: a reduction in workplace injuries and an increase in company performance.”

*- The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH);
National Assessment of the Occupational Safety and Health Workforce; Key Findings.*

five foundational College wide Learning Outcomes are in complete alignment with the proficiencies that construction companies seek in candidates for employment and include: critical thinking; creative inquiry; intercultural competence; civic engagement; and a commitment to well-being.

Keene State College consistently ranks in the top tier of Regional Universities in the North by US News and World Report, and the College is recognized by the Carnegie Foundation for community engagement.



Nearly 100 businesses were represented at the Keene State spring Career and Internship Fair. Andrea Vann, a 2010 graduate of the Safety and Occupational Health Applied Sciences program, currently works for UIS Group providing underwriting reporting for commercial insurance products. “This is the only place we come because of the College’s safety program. We have hired at least five KSC grads because of their background.”