



The University of Texas at Arlington EPA Outreach Trainer Program

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As the #1 OSHA Outreach Training Center in the nation, UTA is a recognized expert for developing Authorized Trainers. Using the same principles modeled by our OSHA Education Center, the UTA Environmental Training Institute (ETI) launched the EPA Outreach Program.

The UTA Environmental Training Institute EPA Outreach Program provides trainers the information needed to involve workers in minimizing environmental impacts. After successful completion of ETI 501, all UTA EPA Authorized Trainers will be given the 8-Hr Hazard Awareness course materials to increase awareness of environmental requirements and worker knowledge.

The EPA Outreach Program is built on the following key principles:

- Mandatory and elective curriculum topics that can be modified to meet your industry needs
- Education and information to promote procedures and processes that meet environmental goals
- Abundant training tools and resources are provided to Authorized Outreach Trainers
- Course materials have been designed to be employee centered and worker focused

The Outreach program begins with a review of the standards in the [ETI 101 - Introduction to Environmental Compliance](#). During this class, course attendees will receive a comprehensive overview of EPA regulations. Course attendees are provided an opportunity to review and discuss the EPA regulations and regulatory relationships concerning Air, Land, Water and Waste. The ETI 101 meets the prerequisite requirements to attend the [ETI 501 - EPA Outreach Trainer Course](#).

The second phase of EPA Outreach Trainer development is completed by attending [ETI 501 - EPA Outreach Trainer Course](#). There are two prerequisites to attend the EPA Outreach Trainer course. One prerequisite is a training requirement which is met by attending the ETI 101. The second prerequisite is an experience requirement determined by work related experience. To become an ETI EPA Outreach Trainer, three years of environmental program work experience is required. With appropriate experience and knowledge, course attendees learn instructional techniques and are provided instructional resources and tools in order to become an EPA Outreach Trainer. Upon completing ETI 501, course attendees will be designated EPA Authorized Trainers.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

Why would I want to become an Environmental Training Institute EPA Outreach Trainer?

As a UTA EPA Authorized Outreach Trainer, you will have access to the training materials to teach the 8-Hr Hazard Awareness Training Course. With these materials, you will have the tools to increase awareness of the environmental requirements which give workers the knowledge to be active participants in meeting compliance goals.

How does the ETI EPA Outreach Program benefit my company?

After attending the 8-Hr Hazard Awareness Training course taught by an EPA Authorized Outreach Trainer, any of the following are potential outcomes:

- Active participation by employees
- Improvement in meeting environmental regulation requirements
- Workers gain valuable knowledge from an experienced trainer
- Increased awareness of pollution prevention benefits

Why are there multiple steps to the EPA Outreach Program?

Being an UTA EPA Authorized Trainer is a designation that requires both extensive knowledge and experience. This information is gained and demonstrated through the [ETI 101](#) and [ETI 501](#) courses.

As a consultant, can I teach the EPA 8-Hour Environmental Hazard Awareness course?

Absolutely! Consultants can teach the course to workers interested in receiving an overview of the EPA. Also, the course can be taught by consultants to their clients. There is also elective materials included as part of the EPA 8-Hour Environmental Hazard Awareness course curriculum to give the instructor flexibility to teach company specific requirements.

What kinds of resources and tools are provided to EPA Outreach Trainers?

The following information is provided to UTA EPA Authorized Trainers:

- PowerPoints to teach the 8-Hr Hazard Awareness Course
- Handouts, videos and links to facilitate the learning process
- Instructional techniques that are practiced in class
- EPA Factsheets

Do I need a college degree to become an EPA Outreach Trainer?

No. If you have a college degree, this can be used in exchange for experience. For example, **three** years of environmental program experience is required before an instructor can become an EPA Outreach Trainer. If you have a college degree, **two** years of experience are required. More information on the [ETI 501](#) experience requirements are available by clicking [here](#).

What is the goal of the EPA Outreach Program?

There is one primary goal of the EPA Outreach Program – to have more informed workers in industry to minimize environmental impacts. This is accomplished by having more trainers available to teach workers about environmental risks in the workplace. Through the UTA EPA Outreach Program, trainers are given the skills to teach others and minimize unplanned environmental releases.

How long am I an EPA Authorized Trainer?

Three years. To keep the Authorized Trainers up-to-date and knowledgeable to teach others, the instructor must update their trainer status.

How often do workers need to attend the EPA 8-Hr Environmental Hazard Awareness course?

Every two years. Environmental regulations change frequently and updates are necessary to maintain awareness of issues, regulations and methods to manage environmental impacts.

Can the course material be modified for a specific industry?

Yes. The 8-Hr Hazard Awareness Course has elective lessons that can be used to integrate company specific or industry specific requirements. A guidance document and slides are provided as well.

What is the purpose of the Outreach Portal (www.outreachportal.com)?

The Outreach Portal serves as an information management tool for Outreach Trainers. After becoming an Authorized Trainer, a password to the portal is provided. Access to the portal will link the instructor to updates and current course information, as well as provide the Authorized Trainer a method to order official training cards for the students the Trainer instructs.