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Auburn University
Deep South Center for Occupational Health and Safety
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SECTION I

PROJECT SUMMARY

By meeting its mission of developing professionals who protect and promote the health and safety of workers through interdisciplinary education, research, and outreach programs, the Deep South Center has been an occupational safety and health resource to the Southeast region since 1982. The Center Administrative Core is located in the Department of Environmental Health Sciences, University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of Public Health, and includes an Executive Committee, Board of Advisors, Outreach, Diversity, Pilot Project Research Training programs, and interdisciplinary coordination. The Center provides opportunities for masters and doctoral studies in the fields of industrial hygiene (IH) at the UAB School of Public Health, occupational health nursing (OHN) at the UAB School of Nursing, and occupational safety and ergonomics (OSE) and a specialty in occupational injury prevention research training (OIPRT) at the Auburn University College of Engineering. Our well established academic programs have nationally-recognized faculty members with a performant research agenda involving our trainees which is reflected by the high number of publications and presentations, research grants and professional awards. The trainees in all academic programs are engaged in research projects and outreach activities that instill in our students an appreciation of the interdisciplinary nature of the occupational safety and health professions. Many of our students were recognized by earning national and regional professional awards as well as high school-wide distinctions and scholarships.

RELEVANCE

The regional impact of our academic programs is indicated by the fact that approximately 65% of our graduates are still practicing in the occupational safety and health professions in the southeast. We are also involved in research applicable to the industries in our region and our outreach and continuing education programs have enhanced the knowledge and skills of practitioners through our offering of 50 relevant training courses and seminars reaching over 2645 attendees.

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