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OU Occupational Safety and Health program accredited

Rochester, Michigan, September 9, 2005 — The Oakland University Bachelor of Science degree program in Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) has been accredited by the Applied Science Accreditation Commission of ABET, Inc., the recognized accreditor of college and university programs in applied science, computing, engineering, and technology. ABET accreditation demonstrates a program's commitment to providing its students with a quality education.

“Students, and their parents, are assured of a high quality educational experience, endorsed by our safety professional society, that meets employer needs and will likely lead to employment as a safety professional with one of America's leading employers,” said OSH Program Director Dr. Charles W. McGlothlin, Jr. “As the safety profession matures, discriminating employers are giving hiring preference to college graduates from ABET accredited safety-related degree programs to meet their needs for future safety professionals. Students graduating from an ABET accredited degree programs find themselves in the very favorable position of being recruited by these high quality employers.”

Accreditation is a voluntary, peer-review process that requires programs to undergo comprehensive, periodic evaluations. The evaluations, conducted by teams of

volunteer professionals working in industry, government, academia, and private practice within the ABET disciplines, focus on program curricula, faculty, facilities, institutional support, and other important areas.

One of the key elements of ABET accreditation is the requirement that programs continuously improve the quality of education provided. As part of this continuous improvement requirement, programs set specific, measurable goals for their students and graduates, assess their success at reaching those goals, and improve their programs based on the results of their assessment.

In addition to providing colleges and universities a structured mechanism to assess, evaluate, and improve their programs, accreditation also helps students and their parents choose quality college programs, enables employers and graduate schools to recruit graduates they know are well-prepared, and is used by registration, licensure, and certification boards to screen applicants.

ABET is a not-for-profit organization, owned and operated by its more than 25 professional and technical member societies. An internationally respected organization with some 1,500 volunteers, ABET has set the higher-educational standards in its fields for nearly 75 years. More information about ABET, its member societies, and the evaluation criteria used to accredit programs can be found at www.abet.org.

Oakland University is a doctoral research-intensive university located in Oakland County, Michigan. The university has 113 bachelor's degree programs and 84 graduate degree and certificate programs. Dedicated to delivering a distinctive undergraduate experience that is complemented by the strength of its graduate offerings and research accomplishments, Oakland University is organized into the College of Arts and Sciences

and the Schools of Business Administration, Education and Human Services, Engineering and Computer Science, Health Sciences, Nursing, and The Honors College. Visit Oakland University on the web at www.oakland.edu.

For more information about Oakland's Bachelor of Science degree program in Occupational Safety and Health, visit www2.oakland.edu/shs/osh/ or call Dr. McGlothlin at 248.370.2664.

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