FACULTY PROFILE

Department

CSU College: Safety and Emergency Services
CSU Discipline: Safety and Health

Basic Info

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Education

Master of Science in Occupational Safety and Health
Southeastern Oklahoma State University

Bachelor of Science in Fire Protection and Safety Engineering Technology
Oklahoma State University

Biography

Background

My name is Harlan Giles, and I will be your instructor for this course. I am looking forward to working with you. My educational background includes a BS in Fire Protection and Safety Engineering Technology from Oklahoma State University and an MS in Occupational Safety and Health from Southeastern Oklahoma State University. I also am a Certified Safety Professional (CSP) and encourage all of my students to consider pursuing their CSP. My career has focused on the oil and gas sector, and I have held many roles in multiple sectors. I am currently living in San Antonio, TX, and working in the oilfields of South Texas.

CSU Story

I became affiliated with CSU through a work colleague. He and his wife were teaching for CSU and approached me about becoming a professor also. This was in 2010, and I have been teaching courses ever since.

Hobbies/Interests

Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my wonderful wife, our daughter, and our golden retriever. We try and be outside as much as we can whether it’s camping, boating, or fishing. In addition to spending time with them, I also enjoy working on old cars and spending time in the outdoors. I also like archery hunting and doing backcountry hiking/camping/hunting trips. I find it a challenge to spend a week or more living out of a backpack.

Additional Information

Teaching Philosophy:

My philosophy is that you never stop learning, no matter where you are in life. I like to apply this outlook to the courses I teach. You should strive to learn as much as possible in the course and continue to strengthen your skills and knowledge base. Please feel free to ask me if you have any questions or concerns during the course so that we leave no stone unturned.

Advice for Current Students:

My best advice is to always ask questions. There is no question that shouldn’t be asked. If it comes to mind and you feel it’s important, please ask. Also, never look back, only look forward. Learn from your past and apply that to your future.