



# Ergonomics Systems Specialist (ESS) Designation

## A 5-Day Certification Process

*"This was an awesome experience. I learned so much info that is all applicable to me. I enjoyed working in groups and we had lots of fun while working hard. Have been waiting for an opportunity like this - so thank you."*

### Ergonomics is not just about reducing injuries!



It's about improving job efficiency. It's about reducing absenteeism, or even presenteeism (where workers are at work but not really "at work"). It's about making your organization the company of choice to not only attract workers, but retain workers. It's about remaining viable in a fiercely competitive marketplace. It's about working with existing business systems to improve the bottom-line.

WorkSMART's ESS course emphasizes practical applications for use in field, industrial and office environments. You will be able to apply your knowledge in industries such as municipalities and government service sectors, construction, oil and gas, transportation, health care, pulp and paper, emergency services, engineering, food processing, manufacturing and more.

In addition, this certification will teach you how to incorporate ergonomics programming throughout an organization from a systems perspective, streamlining with existing safety, risk, and other business management systems.

*"This was the best training I have ever been in; you both have a good understanding of the needs of adult learners!!!! I liked the examples used. I took ergonomics before and can honestly say I understand it a lot better. I like the organization, professionalism, safe open concept of the group participation and enjoyed all 5 days thoroughly. "*

*"Excellent instructor; very knowledgeable, experienced. Lots of time for questions. Information was clearly explained. They made the class very interactive and fun. Learning was easy and I learned a lot. Thank-you!"*

*"One of the best, most informative courses I have taken. Excellent instructors with a great knowledge base."*

# What will you learn?

## How to Sell Ergonomics and Achieve Buy In

- Dispelling the myths regarding the cost of ergonomics
- Identifying the true cost of injuries
- Maximizing employee input
- Validating findings and selling the message

## How to Identify Physical and Organizational Hazards, including

- Correctly evaluating injury reports, hazard assessments, physical demands analyses, and other relevant H&S data
- Encouraging and collecting worker input
- Proactively identifying the potential for musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs)

## How to Assess Risk

- Detailed step by step breakdown of the WorkSMART MSD Risk Reduction Process
- Scientifically backed task analysis methods, including how to assess
  - excessive force
  - awkward and static postures
  - high repetition rates
  - contact stress
  - whole body vibration
  - hand-arm vibration
  - environmental factors

## Implementing Risk Control Strategies

- How to implement quick turn-around solutions and avoid “analysis paralysis”
- Detailed step by step breakdown on how to evaluate controls based on WorkSMART’s control hierarchy and cost-benefit matrix
- Identification of priorities for ergonomics intervention
- Review of specific control strategies associated with,
  - Manual material handling tasks
  - Driving and equipment operation tasks
  - Standing tasks
  - Seated tasks
  - Tools and equipment design
  - Work space design
  - Office tasks and furnishings

## Program Measurement and Continuous Improvement

- Review of possible threats to success
- How to measure immediate, intermediate, and long term impacts
- How to build on success and expand
- How to manage newly acquired knowledge

*To receive certification status, participants will be evaluated during course activities and will be required to submit documentation to demonstrate their knowledge after completion of the course. All participants will be provided with access to WorkSMART’s ESS portal, filled with additional resources*

## Let’s be clear...

There is only one professional certification for Ergonomists in Canada, the CCPE designation offered through the Association of Canadian Ergonomists. This requires a relevant university degree and several years of direct experience. We encourage all full-time practicing ergonomists to pursue this designation, but for everyone else, our ESS workshop will give you the necessary tools to implement an effective ergonomics process in your organization.

**If you’re serious about implementing ergonomics,  
we’re serious about helping you do it right!**





**Choose your location!**

Edmonton: May 7 - 11, 2012  
 Vancouver: June 18 - 22, 2012  
 Halifax: October 1 - 5, 2012  
 Saskatoon: December 3- 7, 2012

**Fax registration to 604-247-0024**  
**Email registration to [info@worksmart.ca](mailto:info@worksmart.ca)**

**Registration Form:**

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 Kinesiologist       Industrial Hygienist       Disability Manager       Engineer       Nurse  
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**Method of Payment:** Payment by Visa, MasterCard or cheque must be received prior to course date to secure a spot in the workshop. Early bird payments must be received by cut off date to qualify.

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