

Company Name: University of Massachusetts Lowell  
Position Title: Safety Officer  
Location(s): Lowell, Massachusetts, United States, 01850  
Min Education: BA/BS/Undergraduate  
Min Experience: 3-5 Years

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### **Safety Officer**

The University of Massachusetts Lowell is a comprehensive university with a national reputation in science, engineering and technology, and committed to educating students for lifelong success in a diverse world and conducting research and outreach activities that sustain the economic, environmental and social health of the region. In February 2009, a campus-wide strategic planning initiative was launched to reposition UMass Lowell as a world-class institution over the next decade. A major component of that initiative is to ensure that diversity and inclusion is in every aspect of our strategic plan. We seek a diverse talented candidate pool to be part of our mission and achievements.

#### **Position Title & Description:**

Reporting to the Director of Environmental & Emergency Preparedness, the Safety Officer has multifacet responsibilities for the general oversight, implementation and administration of the University's comprehensive Laboratory Safety and Compliance Program, and assisting other EHS programs as required. He/she identifies deficiencies, implements corrections, provides safety training and awareness throughout the University community as to ensure safe practices and compliance with applicable regulations, standards and best management practices. He/she assists the University in effecting compliance with various federal, state, local regulatory and nonregulatory requirements pertaining to public safety, education, OSHA, NIOSH, NIH, CMRs, CFRs, ASHRE, USDA, and other agencies.

#### **MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Manage compliance requirements, inspections, hazardous and non-hazardous materials including nano, and best management practices for academic classes, laboratories, research laboratories, University buildings and University colleges and department programs. Continuous communications to staff, faculty and students.
- Develop emergency plans for spill response and personnel contamination related to hazardous materials.
- Provide technical assistance and provide safety and regulatory information to management, researchers, staff and students on laboratory safety procedures related to hazardous materials, safe and use practices.
- Interface with various committees on issues and procedures related to safety and compliance.
- Oversee issues related to hazardous materials as reviewed through regular laboratory

- inspection system to ensure laboratory standards and safety are rigorously maintained.
- Review academic and research protocols that require use of hazardous products.
  - Ongoing review and oversight of the University's hazardous materials inventory software and CDC Select/Exempt Agent and Toxin Inventory program.
  - Regularly report on status and issues of BioSafety Management Program to the Institutional BioSafety Committee (IBC).
  - Oversee procedures and protocols related to disposal of biohazardous, medical, chemical waste, nano, Universal and other waste or recycling streams generated.
  - Work with other Environmental Health and Safety staff to ensure that adequate training is provided to the academic and research community related to work with areas including, but not limited to biological, nano and chemical products.
  - Member of UMass Lowell's Haz Mat Response team. Respond to emergencies 24 hours per day 7 days per week.
  - Perform other duties as required.
  - Promote the University's commitment to customer service by:
    - Build effective partnerships with staff, faculty and students throughout the University by freely sharing appropriate information and providing assistance when needed.
    - Ensure optimum service to all internal and external partners in response to all requests for service and information.
  - Maintain an environment that is welcoming to persons of all backgrounds, nationalities, and roles.

### **Minimum Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's degree in an area related to microbiology or the biological sciences, chemistry, or environmental health and safety.
- Four years of experience in health and safety within a biological research or biological laboratory environment.
- Experience working and providing a compliant biosafety program applicable to BSL-2 and BSL-3 laboratories.
- Must be able to complete a 40 hour HAZWOPER Training and willing to be part of our 7/24 hour emergency spill response team.
- Must be able to wear air purifying respirators or SCBA.
- Must have RCRA/DOT/IATA Training or able to pass course within six months.

### **Preferred Qualifications:**

- Master's degree preferred in an area related to microbiology or biological sciences, chemistry, or environmental health and safety.
- Understanding of Code of Mass Regulation (CMR) 310 (Haz Waste Rules).
- Understanding or awareness of asbestos/mold programs/IAQ.
- Understanding of the concepts of BioSafety.
- Understanding of laboratory best practices, NFPA 45 and 30, OSHA.
- Understanding of laboratory safety equipment, Indoor Air Quality.
- Must have good oral and written communication skills.
- Must be a motivated self-starter requiring minimum supervision.

- Eligibility to be registered as a Biological Safety Professional.
- Previous experience working with an academic institution, or healthcare facility desirable.

How to apply: Interested applicants should apply online at <https://jobs.uml.edu> . Thank you for considering the University of Massachusetts Lowell as an employer of choice. We look forward to receiving your application.

*The University of Massachusetts Lowell is committed to increasing diversity in its faculty, staff, and student populations, as well as curriculum and support programs, while promoting an inclusive environment. We seek candidates who can contribute to that goal and encourage you to apply and to identify your strengths in this area.*

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