



# Ensuring Integrity of Education Programs for Health and Safety

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# Definitions

- Professional Education  
VS.
- Training



# Importance of Ensuring Integrity in Professional Education

(Especially in health and safety)

- Public protection
- Public confidence
- Economic stability
- Societal advancement
- Uniformity in professional credentialing



# Individual and Industry Attitudes Toward Continuing Education

- Positive and engaging  
Vs.
- Skeptical and contrary



# The Need for Meaningful Regulation of Professional Education

- “Education is one of the only things people are willing to pay for and not receive.”
- The commodity can become compliance NOT the education.
- CE markets do not consistently regulate themselves based upon quality education and service.
- Regulation can come from government, the industry or both.



# What needs to be regulated?

- Content (*regulator*)
- Instructional Design (*regulator and/or IACET*)
- Delivery (*regulatory and/or IACET*)



# Characteristics of Strong Professional Education Programs (Learning Events, Courses etc.)

- Relevant
- Outcomes are tied to assessment
- Assessment is valid and reliable
- Rigor is appropriate
- Learner ID is verified



# Petroleum and Natural Gas Industry Case Study



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