

Marylene Provost



Marylene Provost has been involved in the Health and Safety profession, and the related disciplines of quality, environment and operations, for over 30 years in a wide variety of industries such as food manufacturing, chemicals, pharmaceutical, transportation and construction.

Marylene is currently the Regional Manager of Health, Safety & Environment, Eastern Canada at GHD where she is responsible for developing, implementing and improving policies, programs and procedures to ensure alignment to strategic, legislative and regulatory requirements.

Marylene holds a Bachelor's degree in Multidisciplinary Studies from Université de Sherbrooke that includes the three (3) following certificates: Health & Safety, Environmental Science and Food Science & Technologies. She is a Canadian Registered Safety Professional (CRSP).

She has always been seeking new skills. She is currently improving her knowledge of mindfulness. She is fluent in both Canadian official languages, French and English.

Jacqueline Abel



Jacqueline's experience in health and safety spans 20 years, during which time she helped transform the culture of safety at organizations in diverse industry sectors. She has spent several years providing consulting services to a broad range of clients, assisting them with achieving legal compliance and meeting best practice standards. For over 12 years, she honed technical and leadership skills in her senior role of Industrial Hygienist at Scarborough Health Network (SHN). There she was responsible for proactive safety program development and incident management.

In her recent and current role as Manager of Health and Wellness at George Brown College (GBC), Jacqueline has spearheaded the COVID-19 response effort and is responsible for leading the development and execution of an innovative and sustainable psychological health and safety strategy, while contributing to the development of a robust health and safety management system.

Jacqueline seeks and implements innovative ways to optimize resources to achieve positive outcomes. Throughout Jacqueline's career, she has built strong relationships with senior and frontline stakeholders to facilitate positive collaboration. She has leveraged effective leadership and strategic planning to drive change and maximize organizational performance.

In addition to her years of experience and professional accomplishments, Jacqueline has been privileged to serve communities for most of her life. She has volunteered with grassroots organizations aimed at supporting and empowering under-resourced populations and nurturing the academic, artistic, and emotional development of children. Jacqueline is currently a mentor with WOHSS and is committed to continuing to support women working in the field of occupational health and safety, through her role as a member of the Board at WOHSS.

Ilona Klimczak



Ilona Klimczak, CRSP is a multifaceted, dynamic, forward-looking intellectual and an effective promoter of change. Her comprehensive, leading-edge knowledgebase has been accumulated over the past 20 years through experience as an Occupational Health & Safety Professional.

Ilona excels in business and safety management and have successfully spear-headed more than 250 safety-related projects in a variety of complex environments earning high-regard at all organizational levels in safety, business, regulatory and community environments.

Her enthusiasm and ability to share relevant, personal experienced actual situations incite an atmosphere of active engagement by clients, learners and peers. Recognizing and capitalizing on the knowledge that change starts and is only ultimately successful by building upon the strengths and talents of others, she strives to be a proven leader in finding innovative and attainable solutions to various challenges in a diverse range of industries and environments.

As a professional, personable and captivating instructor of a multitude of safety courses, including the ASTTBC accredited CSO Certificate Program, Ilona is a quick thinker with an extensive educational and practical background that allows her to assemble, interpret and articulate complex information in a clear and concise way to students and colleagues.

Over the years, Ilona had the opportunity to work in diverse fields of occupational health and safety, from upgrading generating stations in northern British Columbia, working in fly-in/fly-out exploration camps (Yukon & NWT), working alongside Municipal Chief Administrative Officers and Mayors to now building signature bridges, rail extensions, hospital services, road maintenance and partaking in Site C Tunnel and Dam construction.

Currently, Ilona is the North American Director of Health & Safety for Acciona; it is her primary objective to provide value-driven, progressive, exemplary OHS leadership while working towards promoting a nation-wide safety culture.

Lana Schultze



Lana Schultze has been working in Occupational Health and Safety in the healthcare sector for 13 years in various roles covering prevention, recovery and wellness areas. Currently she is the Interim Corporate Director for Workplace Health and Safety at the Interior Health Authority in British Columbia. This corporate role oversees the health and safety of over 21,000 healthcare workers at over 200 worksites. This oversight includes an extensive understanding of both federal and provincial OHS regulation, Collective Agreement language and Ministry of Health directives. Health and Safety in healthcare continues to grow her passions of safety, people and lifelong learning.

Lana has extensive experience working with international, national and provincial stakeholders. She has actively participated in other not-for-profit boards which included both President and Vice President roles with the Health Care Safety Professionals Association of BC. Lana holds a Masters of Arts in leadership and curriculum design and an Occupational Health, Safety and Environment certificate. Lana has presented at and been published in the 2nd, 3rd and 6th International Violence in the Health Sector Conference Proceedings.

In her spare time Lana spends her time in and around Naramata Bench in beautiful Penticton, BC with her husband and 3 children.