BIOSAFETY TRAINING WORKSHOP

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Workshop was divided into four sessions that covered the following topics over the course of two days:

- Basics and Concepts of Biosafety
- Microbiology
- Identification of Risk
- Working with animals

- Introductory Workshop for students/staff interested in biosafety
- Workshop attendees get Continuing Education Units (CEUs), which can be used for certification/licensing purposes
Biosafety: A summary

Biosafety for working with potentially infectious organisms and can be classified as follows

- **Procedures**: Set of protocols to be followed for a safe working environment
- **Facilities**: This is the primary barrier that keeps both the worker and environment safe. Ex: Safety Hoods, Airflow into the lab
- **Safety Equipment**: Secondary barrier that primarily protects the worker from injury
Workshop was mainly attended by safety staff working in the industry/university (e.g. Kodak) and at Cornell.

- Interesting discussions with staff and discussing new/unique situations that came up during their work experience (practical advice which added great value to the workshop)

- Was also a good networking opportunity for me and I got to meet other individuals working in the industry.

- Definitely useful for future graduate students interested in biosafety (EH&S regulatory frameworks etc..)

- Biggest “Aha” moment for me was to find out information about biosafety certification and the different standards