

## Case Study

# Hamilton College

- One of America's top Liberal Arts colleges
- Serves a community of 1,850 students
- Manages a library of over 6,900 safety data sheets



## For Hamilton College, VelocityEHS Schools the Competition

One of the highest-ranked and most-selective liberal arts institutions in the United States, Hamilton College is home to 1,850 undergraduate students and 700 faculty and staff members. Located in upstate New York, Hamilton's campus features research labs, sports facilities, art studios, a museum, dining halls, student residences, and other facilities with unique chemical and safety needs. Keeping students, staff, and faculty safe involves managing a library of more than 6,900 safety data sheets. Prior to adopting VelocityEHS Chemical Management, Hamilton relied on an alternative online chemical management service for this purpose. However, difficulties with its interface and usability prompted the college to look elsewhere for a better solution.

Mary Collis, Hamilton's science stockroom and facility coordinator, is responsible for the college's hazardous chemical management.

*"We used to use [a VelocityEHS competitor]," says Ms. Collis. "But that went south when they did an upgrade. It was hard to find the things we needed."*

Ms. Collis and her team were not ready to give up on an online solution, and had heard good things about VelocityEHS' solution. After learning more, they found a fit with VelocityEHS Chemical Management, a powerful suite of tools that allows users to manage and report on hazardous chemicals while providing employees with required right-to-know access to their site-specific safety data sheet eBinder, as well as the industry's largest database of regularly updated SDSs. A cloud-based system that works seamlessly across multiple PC, laptop, and mobile devices, VelocityEHS Chemical Management lets users access critical chemical safety information easily and efficiently.

Ms. Collis and her staff at Hamilton found immediate benefits to making the switch.

*"It's less expensive than [the competitor], and tracking down SDSs is a lot easier," explains Ms. Collis. "For example, we have nearly 600 chemicals in the Art Department alone. Some of them are obscure, and it was hard to find them on the old system. With VelocityEHS Chemical Management, it's much faster. It saves us a ton of time."*

Ms. Collis found that team members managing Hamilton's science facilities have especially appreciated the transition.

*"Our lab coordinators are really, really happy with it!" she adds.*

In addition to saving time and money, Ms. Collis cites the VelocityEHS customer service team as a key reason for her satisfaction.

*"Whenever I've had questions, it's been easy to get answers," explains Ms. Collis. "They've always taken the time to explain things to me, and to make fixes and changes."*

VelocityEHS understands that an educational community presents a unique and complex ecosystem for controlling chemical hazards. Our proven track record of providing campuses (both K-12 and colleges/universities) with tools to effectively manage hazards in educational environments speaks for itself.

## Educational Institutions Find a Powerful Solution

Educational campuses — whether primary, secondary, or college level — face a unique set of safety and HazCom challenges. Tracking and managing chemicals is particularly critical in these environments given the relative vulnerability of students and other stakeholders who may not be aware



of the potential severity of the chemical hazards around them. Some hazards, like those associated with lab and science chemicals, are obvious, but others may be practically invisible to the average student. However, students need to be able to concentrate on their studies, and faculty on their research. Thus, it falls to the safety professional to ensure that all necessary personnel receive required HazCom training and have mandated right-to-know access to chemical safety information like safety data sheets.

No matter the size of your classroom, campus, or school district, VelocityEHS has a proven suite of safety solutions trusted by leading educational institutions across the country. Our regularly updated library of millions of safety data sheets — the largest and most comprehensive in the industry — makes it easy to manage a compliant HazCom program. From looking up common chemicals likely to be found in educational environments, to managing and tracking chemicals across multiple campuswide storage locations, VelocityEHS solutions help educational institutions reduce risk, improve efficiencies, and move toward streamlined compliance.

## Benefits of VelocityEHS Chemical Management

### Millions of SDSs at Your Fingertips

24/7 access to the industry's leading database of safety data sheets ensures your company's SDS / MSDS library is complete, up-to-date and in compliance.

### Simplify Compliance

Easy-to-use tools help you meet key requirements of hazard communication (OSHA / WHMIS / GHS) including, hazard determination, Right-to-Know access, labeling, safe chemical handling, PPE and more.

### Mobile Access

Our online accounts are mobile optimized, and our SDS / Chemical Management mobile app— available for free download on the App Store® and Google Play™— makes it possible to access SDSs and chemical inventory information offline, when internet connectivity is limited. With these mobile capabilities, critical chemical safety information is always at your fingertips.

### Enhanced Chemical Management

Robust chemical management tools, including our chemical mapping feature, give you greater container-level control over the location, status and risks associated with chemical products in your facility. Plus, the SDS / Chemical Management app makes it possible to quickly scan container barcodes, QR codes and UPC codes to retrieve and manage container and other chemical inventory information from the field.

### Regulatory Compliant

Multiple back-up options means your system meets OSHA, WHMIS and other regulatory requirements for electronic safety data sheet / chemical management.

### Quick ROI & Low Cost of Ownership

All of our Chemical Management accounts pay for themselves by eliminating time-consuming, manual administrative tasks; plus, there's no software to install or maintain and you get immediate access to new features and enhancements.

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Hamilton College

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