As an academic discipline, toxicology has its roots in medical, pharmacy, pharmacology, and environmental/public health training programs. Most of the larger programs in toxicology were formalized in the early 1960s, but their organization has evolved and can be quite varied. Currently there are relatively few stand-alone departments. More often, programs are either combined with pharmacology or broader environmental health programs; others exist as less formal interdisciplinary programs with faculty drawn from a number of related sciences. Of these programs, some grant degrees in toxicology or environmental health, while others award degrees in pharmacology.

Because of space issues and the quantity of articles we received from toxicology training centers, we have taken the liberty of placing all toxicology training articles on the SOT Web site, which will be permanently dedicated to training centers. The write-ups will be updated to include additional programs and any new information about existing programs that have already been posted to the Web site.