

Graduate Diploma in Occupational Safety & Health/ MSc in Occupational Safety & Health

GDOSH Major Code: X375
MSc in OSH Major Code: X061

GRADUATE

UCD School of Public Health,
Physiotherapy and Population
Science

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Understanding your Degree:

This programme is a part-time multidisciplinary graduate programme, which is designed for graduates who are engaged in Occupational Safety and Health (OSH), who have not previously achieved a higher qualification in OSH. At the end of the programme, students will have developed the ability to develop and implement health and safety management and risk management systems relevant to the OSH needs of their professional discipline; professional and academic writing skills; self-management and self-directive skills and research skills.

Admission requirements:

Applicants to the programme should be honours degree (level 8 on NFQ) graduates (2.1 or above) in a cognate discipline and should normally be working in, or planning to work in, the area of OSH. Applicants must supply transcripts of their primary degree and all supporting documentation (CV, personal statement) by the application deadline.

Mapping your certificate:

- These programmes are mapped at level 9 on the National Qualifications Authority of Ireland (NQAI) framework.
- On successful completion of these programmes, graduates will be able to progress to a variety of research graduate degrees.

Modules:

The programme is arranged in four modules:

- Safety and Health Legislation
- Health and Safety Management
- OSH Research Literature Review
- Occupational Health
- Occupational Hygiene
- Risk Assessment and Safety Statement
- Human and Organisational Behaviour at Work
- Applied Research Methods and Data Management
- Chemical Safety and Toxicology
- Safety Technology
- Dissertation (for MSc in OSH students)

Further modules information:

- Further information on individual modules is available on http://www.ucd.ie/course_search.htm
- In order to ensure quality and to meet stakeholders' needs, the programme is subject to a review process and on that basis components of the programme may be altered from time to time.

Commitment required from students:

- These part-time programmes are designed to be completed over two full years. The Graduate Diploma in OSH will be completed over five semesters, while the MSc in OSH programme will be completed over six semesters.
- Assignments, project work and self-directed learning are required during the summer semester between the two academic years of study, and MSc students will complete their dissertation during the summer semester at the end of the second academic year.
- Lectures will normally be held on Fridays between 9 am and 5 pm for students in Year 1 and on Tuesdays between 2 pm and 9 pm for students in Year 2.
- Attendance on occasional Saturdays will also be required. MSc in OSH supervision takes place outside of scheduled programme time.
- Assessment requirements include continuous assessment, assignments, projects and examinations.
- UCD expects that students who register to its programmes are in a position to commit to attending and being available on scheduled programme and assessment dates. Term dates for the next academic year are available on our website.

Career opportunities:

The Graduate Diploma in OSH programme is designed for graduates who are practising OSH professionals, who have not previously achieved a higher qualification in occupational safety and health. The MSc in OSH programme is for such graduates who have an interest in undertaking research in OSH.

Venue:

Classes are normally held on the UCD Belfield campus.

Programme fees:

Published fees include all tuition and assessment fees. The fee schedule for all programmes is published on the UCD Fees Office website (<http://www.ucd.ie/fees/>) and refers to the fee for a single academic year. Further information regarding fees, including the fee schedule for non-EU nationals, is also available on the Fees Office website.

As a guide, you can visit our website <http://www.ucd.ie/cshw/applications/> to find the annual fee for the outgoing year.



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Important dates & information:

- Successful applicants will be notified as soon as possible, but not later than July.
- Late applicants may be considered if the quota is not reached by applicants who have applied on time.
- An orientation day will be held prior to commencement of the UCD term. Attendance at the orientation day is mandatory. It will be held on the Friday September 6th 2013.

How to apply:

Students apply to the UCD online application system. To apply, simply click on <http://www.ucd.ie/apply> and follow the instructions. A non-refundable application fee applies. The application fee is paid online. Further information on aspects of completing the online form including programme codes and 'Frequently Asked Questions' are available on our website.

What must be provided with each application?

All of the following items must be submitted on or before the application closing date. They may be submitted online or in hard copy format.

- CV (maximum 2 pages).
- A personal statement of approximately 750 – 1,000 words. The personal statement should focus on the applicant's interest in OSH, what potential areas of OSH research they might focus on and how they expect the programme will benefit their career.
- Copies of degree parchments and full transcripts of associated results.
- Applicants whose first language is not English must submit the original certificate of completion of an English test.

English language requirements:

Candidates whose first language is not English and whose primary degree was obtained in a country where English is not the official language of instruction must provide proof of proficiency in English such as IELTS or TOEFL. The original certificate of completion of an English language test must be enclosed with the application. In all cases the test results must not be more than 2 years old. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS REQUIREMENT. Please visit our website for minimum test requirements: <http://www.ucd.ie/cshw/programmescourses/>

Note:

- There are a limited number of places available on this programme.
- Canvassing by applicants, or any other person on their behalf, will disqualify.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered; please ensure that all sections of the online application form are completed, and include copies of all relevant documentation on or in advance of the deadline as requested.

Other programmes that may be of interest:

- Graduates who do not wish to carry out research and complete a dissertation may wish to apply for the Graduate Diploma in Occupational Safety and Health.
- Graduates who have already completed the HDipSHWW and who wish to progress to the MSc in OSH should contact the Centre for Safety and Health at Work.

Further information:

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