

# Graduate Diploma in Occupational Safety and Health

GDOSH Programme Code: GDLSC002

GDOSH Major Code: X375

GRADUATE PART-TIME

UCD School of Public Health,  
Physiotherapy and Sports  
Science

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<http://www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/apply.html>

## Understanding your Programme

The Graduate Diploma is a multidisciplinary graduate programme, designed for graduates who are engaged in Occupational Safety and Health (OSH), who have not previously achieved a higher level qualification in OSH. At the end of your programme, you will have the ability to develop and implement health and safety management and risk management systems relevant to the OSH needs of your professional discipline; professional and academic writing skills; self-management and self-directive skills and basic research skills.

## Admission requirements

- You should normally be an honours graduate (2.1 or above) of an Irish level 8 degree, or international equivalent, in a cognate discipline.
- You should be a working adults.
- You should have at least three 3 years work experience at the time of application.
- Priority is given to applicants who are active in Occupational Safety and Health.
- You will be required to supply transcripts of your primary degree and the supporting documents overleaf at the time of your application.

## Mapping your Diploma

- This programme is mapped at level 9 on the National Qualifications Authority of Ireland (NQAI) framework.
- On successful completion of this programme, you will be able to progress to a variety of graduate degrees.

## Modules include:

- Safety and Health Legislation
- Health and Safety Management
- Occupational Health
- Occupational Hygiene
- Human and Organisational Behaviour at Work
- Applied Research Methods and Data Management
- Chemical Safety and Toxicology
- Safety Technology
- Ergonomics

Detailed information on individual modules is available on [http://www.ucd.ie/students/course\\_search.htm](http://www.ucd.ie/students/course_search.htm)

## Commitment required of students

- This part-time programme is designed to be completed over two full years (five semesters). September to July year 1, September to May year 2.
- Assignments, project work and self-directed learning maybe required during the summer semester between the two academic years of study.
- Lectures will normally be held on Fridays (9 am – 5 pm) in Year 1 and on Tuesdays (9 am – 5 pm) in Year 2.
- Assessment strategies include continuous assessment, assignments, projects and examinations.
- UCD expects that if you register to its programmes, you will be in a position to commit to attending and being available during term dates and on scheduled programme, supervision and assessment dates.
- You can see term dates for the next academic year on <http://www.ucd.ie/students/keydates.htm>

## Career opportunities

The programme is designed for graduates who have a professional interest, or growing responsibility, in the area of OSH. Successful completion of this programme qualifies you to apply for graduate membership of IOSH (UK) and, subject to experience and other entry requirements, you may become a chartered member of the Institute (CMIOSH) and use the title Chartered Safety and Health Practitioner. Further information is available at <http://www.iosh.co.uk>

## Venue

Classes are normally held on the UCD Belfield campus.

## Programme fees

Fees include tuition and examination fees. The fee schedule for all programmes is shown on the UCD Fees website (<http://www.ucd.ie/fees/>) and refers to the fee for a single academic year, including the fee schedule for non-EU nationals and the annual fee for the outgoing year. Your programme fee may vary per year depending on credits taken.



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## Important dates and information

- If your application is successful then you will be notified promptly.
- The closing date for receipt of your complete application is the last working day of June.
- Late applicants are considered if the quota is not reached by applicants who have applied on time.
- The first day of the programme will be Friday September 8th 2017.

## How to apply

You apply using the UCD online application system. Simply click on <http://www.ucd.ie/apply> and follow the instructions. You will be required to pay an online non-refundable application fee.

## What must be provided with each application?

Your application will be reviewed when all the necessary documents are submitted, as long as they are received before the closing date. You will need to submit:

- A CV (maximum 2 pages).
- A personal statement of approximately 500 words. Your personal statement should focus on a) your interest in OSH, b) how you expect the programme will impact on your career and c) how you plan to balance your work, life and study commitments. (Please use these headings).
- Copies of your degree parchments as well as full transcripts of your results.
- You will need to provide original documents for verification prior to registration. Please visit UCD Registry webpage ([http://www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/Apply\\_Verify.html](http://www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/Apply_Verify.html)) for further information.
- If your first language is not English, you must submit the original certificate of completion of an English test.

## English language requirements

- If your first language is not English and your primary degree was obtained in a country where English is not the official language of instruction, then you must provide proof of proficiency in English such as IELTS or TOEFL.
- You must submit your original certificate of completion of an English language test must be submitted with the application.
- For IELTS (International English Language Testing System – Academic): a minimum overall band score of 7.0 is required with a result not less than 6.5 in each of the individual sections.
- For TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language): Internet Based Test: a minimum total score of 100 out of 120 is required, with a score not less than 22 in Reading and Listening, not less than 26 in Speaking and not less than 24 in the test of written English.
- For the Paper Based Test: A minimum total score of 600 is required with a score not less than 5.0 in the test of Written English.
- Test results must not be more than 2 years old.

## Note

- Canvassing by you, or any other person on your behalf, is not advised.
- If you submit an incomplete application it will delay the application process; you should make sure that all sections of the online application form are completed, and include copies of all the requested documentation on, or in advance of, the deadline.

## Other programmes that may be of interest

Degree graduates, who have already completed the HDipSHWW or equivalent and who wish to progress to MSc level, should contact the UCD Centre for Safety and Health at Work.

### Further information

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### Graduate Diploma in Occupational Safety and Health (GD in OSH)

**Vision:** the education of graduates from cognate disciplines to proactively manage prevailing occupational safety and health risks, to design effective solutions and become leaders in embedding a health and safety culture in the working population.

**Mission Statement:** The programme provides a high-quality, research-focused educational experience for graduates through engagement with leading experts and peers, using an evidence-base to integrate up-to-date health and safety principles, practice and legal frameworks into professional practice.

