# MSc in Occupational Safety and Health (Full time)

Programme Code: MTLSC007 Major Code: X373 Limited Places Available

### **GRADUATE FULL-TIME**

UCD School of Public Health, Physiotherapy and Sports Science

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# For the most up to date information relevant to this year, please visit website http://www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/apply.html

## **Understanding your Degree**

This is a full-time multidisciplinary graduate programme, designed for graduates who have experience in Occupational Safety and Health (OSH), who have not previously achieved a higher level qualification in the area. At the end of the programme, you will have developed 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 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 normally have at least three 3 years work experience at the time of application.
- You should ideally have OSH work experience.
- 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/Degree

- 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.

### Core modules include:

- · Safety and Health Legislation (Irish students) or
- One Health (International students)
- · Literature Review
- · Health and Safety Management
- · Occupational Health
- · Human and Organisational Behaviour at Work
- · Applied Research Methods and Data Management
- Safety Technology
- Dissertation

### **ELECTIVE** modules

- OSH Policy
- Ergonomics
- Chemical Safety and Toxicology

- Principles of Management, Health Economics and Health Policy
- Environmental Legislation and Regulation
- Introduction to Environmental Science
- Environmental Assessment and Management
- Risk Perception
- · Emergency Planning
- · OSH Literature Review
- · Occupational Hygiene
- · Health Promotion

Detailed information on individual modules is available on <a href="http://www.ucd.ie/students/course\_search.htm">http://www.ucd.ie/students/course\_search.htm</a>

### Commitment required of students

- This full-time programme is designed to be completed over one academic year (September to July).
- You will attend classes on weekdays and complete 90 credits over three semesters.
- Assessment strategies include continuous assessment, assignments, projects, examinations and a dissertation.
- 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 <a href="http://www.iosh.co.uk">http://www.iosh.co.uk</a>

### **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.

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### Important dates and information

- Places on the full-time MSc in OSH are limited, so apply as early as possible.
- 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 <a href="http://www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/apply.html">http://www.ucd.ie/registry/admissions/apply.html</a> 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) 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 the original certificate of completion of an English language test with your 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 Listing, 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 to you or one of your colleagues

If you are a degree graduate, who has already completed the HDipSHWW or equivalent and you wish to progress to MSc level, then you should contact the UCD Centre for Safety and Health at Work.

#### **Further information**

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# Master of Science in Occupational Safety and Health (MSc 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.

