

BSc in Occupational Safety and Health Management

UNDERGRADUATE

UCD School of Public Health,
Physiotherapy and Population
Science

Programme Code: BHLSC002
Major Code: OSH 1

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Understanding your Degree:

The BSc in Occupational Safety and Health Management is a part-time multidisciplinary undergraduate degree programme, which is designed for Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) professionals, who are both practising and experienced at management level, who have completed the Higher Diploma in Safety, Health and Welfare at Work, or equivalent, but who may not already hold a primary degree.

Admission requirements:

- Applicants to the degree programme must have successfully completed, and must have normally achieved a high standard in the UCD Higher Diploma in Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (stages 1 and 2 of the BSc in OSH Management programme).
- All applicants must be practising at OSH management level and be able to provide evidence of two years full-time, or pro-rata for part time, recent relevant OSH management work experience at the time of application.
- Applicants must have the prior approval and cooperation of their employer to carry out a work-based safety and health project and the expectation that they will be practising OSH Managers for the duration of the programme.

Applicants who have obtained a Diploma of equivalent content and standard (level and credits) from another institution will be considered for admission to Stage 2 under the Recognition of Prior Learning Policy (<http://www.ucd.ie/registry/academicsecretariat/policyd.htm#p>). Such applicants may apply for exemptions to some or all of Stages 1 and 2. They must have completed a minimum of 60 credits (or equivalent) at advanced degree level (Level 8 NQAI and level 3 UCD) in equivalent OSH content and have a total of 90 credits (or equivalent) of relevant accredited prior learning. Such candidates must supply all supporting documentation at the time of application. Please contact the UCD Centre for Safety and Health at Work for details well in advance of the closing date.

Mapping your Degree:

- This programme is mapped at level 8 on the National Qualifications Authority of Ireland (NQAI) framework.
- Stages 1 and 2: Higher Diploma in Safety, Health and Welfare at Work
 - The UCD multidisciplinary Higher Diploma in Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (HDipSHWW) comprises stages 1 and 2 of the BSc in Occupational Safety and Health Management. A separate information sheet about this programme is available on our website.
- Stages 3 and 4: Completing your degree
 - Stages 3 and 4 build on the theoretical knowledge and experience gained in Stages 1 and 2 and on the practical knowledge and skills gained from work experience in an OSH management role. They also focus on the management issues that arise in OSH management practice. Stage 3 must be successfully completed before students can progress to stage 4.

Modules include:

- Research Methods, Data Processing and Analysis
- Applied Management for Occupational Safety and Health
- Occupational Safety and Health Environmental Management
- Risk Management
- Health and Safety Management Systems
- Occupational Hygiene – the Working Environment
- Ergonomics
- Occupational Health Management
- OSH Management Literature Review
- OSH Research Project Proposal
- OSH Research Project
- OSH Research Support

Further Module Information:

Further information on individual modules is available on http://www.ucd.ie/students/course_search.htm

Commitment required of students:

- Stages 3 and 4 of the BSc in OSH Management programme are designed to be completed over two full years (six semesters). This is possible because a lot of the work required is associated with the student's workplace role.
- Assignments, project work and self-directed learning are required during the summer semester between the two academic years of study and in the final year of the study.
- Students are required to attend classes for one full day a week, normally on Tuesdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. They should expect to spend at least one full day a week working on their research project in addition to private study time required for the completion of continuous assessment and preparing for examinations.
- Attendance on occasional Saturdays may be required. Project supervision takes place outside of scheduled course time.
- This programme is fully modularised and all modules are assessed. Programme assessment strategies are often work-related and 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 <http://www.ucd.ie/cshw/news/>.



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Career Opportunities:

- Having completed Stages 1 and 2 of the programme (Higher Diploma in Safety, Health and Welfare at Work), diplomates are capable of coping with prevailing workplace hazards and risks, advising management and developing policy to provide effective solutions to protect workers' health and safety.
- On completion of Stages 3 and 4 of the programme, graduates will be capable of designing and implementing OSH policy and procedures and will use advanced OSH management skills and an evidence-base to develop and implement safety management systems.
- This programme is designed for OSH professionals, who already have completed a Higher Diploma in SHWW and who are practicing at management level. Graduates have achieved career recognition of their additional qualification, both within their existing workplace and / or by changing to another organisation.

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. Further information regarding fees, including the fee schedule for non-EU nationals is available on the UCD Fees website.

Important dates and information:

- Closing date for receipt of completed applications is the last working day of May.
- Late applicants will be considered if the quota is not reached by applicants who have applied on time.
- Successful applicants will be notified promptly.
- An orientation day will be held before the commencement of the programme. Attendance at the orientation day is mandatory.

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 about applications, course codes and 'Frequently Asked Questions', are available on our website <http://www.ucd.ie/cshw/applications/>.

Further information:

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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, how they expect the programme will impact on their career and how they plan to balance their work, life and study commitments.
- Copies of leaving certificate (or equivalent) or post-leaving certificate diploma or degree parchments, as well as 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.
- Test results must not be more than 2 years old.
- Please visit our website www.ucd.ie/cshw/ for minimum test scores requirements.
- Candidates whose existing degree was obtained in a country where the official language of instruction is English, may, at the request of the School, still be subject to the same requirements where English is not the candidate's first language.

Note:

- Canvassing by applicants, or any other person on their behalf, is not advised.
- 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 as requested.

Other programmes that may be of interest:

This programme is only open to applicants who already hold a Higher Diploma in Safety, Health and Welfare at Work qualification and are practicing OSH professionals. Please visit our website for other programmes that may be of interest.

