

# 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 should have at least 3 years work experience at the time of application.
- They should be honours graduates (2.1 or above) of a level 8 degree in a cognate discipline.
- They should normally be working adults.
- Priority is given to those active in OSH.
- Applicants must supply transcripts of their primary degree and all supporting documentation at the time of application.

## Mapping your Diploma/Degree:

- 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 include:

- 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 module information:

Further 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:

- 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 years.
- 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 may be required. MSc in OSH supervision takes place outside of scheduled programme time.
- Programme assessment strategies 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/>.

## 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. Successful completion of these programmes qualifies candidates to apply for graduate membership of IOSH (UK) and, subject to experience and other entry requirements, graduates 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. Further information regarding fees, including the fee schedule for non-EU nationals and the annual fee for the outgoing year, is available on the UCD Fees website.



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## Important dates and information:

- Closing date for receipt of completed applications is the last working day of May.
- Successful applicants will be notified promptly.
- Late applicants will be considered if the quota is not reached by applicants who have applied on time.
- An orientation day will be held on Friday September 5<sup>th</sup> 2014. Attendance at the orientation day is mandatory.

## How to apply:

Applicants 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/>.

## 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 degree parchments as well as full transcripts of results.
- Applicants whose first language is not English must submit the original certificate of completion of an English test.

## Further information:

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## 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/](http://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 on or in advance of the deadline as requested.

## Other programmes that may be of interest:

- Degree graduates who do not wish to carry out research and complete a dissertation may wish to apply for the Higher Diploma in Safety, Health and Welfare at Work or the Graduate Diploma in Occupational Safety and Health.
- Please visit our webpage <http://www.ucd.ie/cshw/programmescourses/> to view the 'Differences between the HDipSHWW, the Grad Dip in OSH and the MSc in OSH' document.
- Degree graduates who have already completed the HDipSHWW and who wish to progress to the MSc in OSH should contact the UCD Centre for Safety and Health at Work.

