

Higher Diploma in Safety, Health & Welfare at Work

UCD School of Public Health & Population Science

Programme Code: HDLSC002

Major Code: SHS3

Important application information relevant to this year is on the CSHW website www.ucd.ie/cshw.ie/

Understanding your Diploma:

This is a two-year, part-time multidisciplinary programme designed to meet the multidisciplinary academic competency needs of practicing OSH professionals. It is suitable for persons with a professional interest in Safety and Health in the workplace, including safety advisors, managers, engineers, occupational hygienists, physicians and nurses. The Higher Diploma is recognised by the UK Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) for granting Chartered Membership of the Institution, subject to appropriate experience. Classes are held at the UCD Belfield campus.

Admission Requirement:

Applicants must be at least 23 years of age and have at least 3 years work experience at the time of application. Priority is given to those active in OSH.

Applicants should have educational qualifications of at least matriculation standard (Leaving Certificate with two honours, or equivalent) including demonstrable knowledge of Physics, Chemistry and Biology. In exceptional cases, applicants who do not meet the matriculation requirements, but who have relevant work experience, may be considered on mature grounds.

Such candidates, applying on mature grounds, should include a mature applicant portfolio to support their application. A portfolio would normally include evidence of successful completion of a course, which may approximate matriculation, and/or experience and training in OSH, and evidence of a good understanding of the basic sciences. Mature applicants must be working in the area of Occupational Safety and Health.

Some applicants will be recommended to first undertake a foundation programme to ensure their success on the Higher Diploma programme (e.g. safety and health, study skills, return to learning, science or other access course). This will be decided on a case-by-case basis, taking into account the applicant's previous academic and professional qualifications and work experience.

Mapping your Diploma:

The Higher Diploma in Safety, Health and Welfare at Work programme is designed to be completed over two years (six semesters, including project work in the summer semesters). Please note that students must pass Stage 1 before they can progress to Stage 2.

Modules Include

- SHWW30010 Safety and Health Legislation
- SHWW30020 Health and Safety Management
- SHWW30120 Occupational Health
- SHWW30130 Occupational Hygiene
- SHWW30140 Chemical Safety and Toxicology
- SHWW30040 Human and Organisational Behaviour at Work
- SHWW30030 Safety Technology
- SHWW30150 Statistics in Health and Safety
- SHWW30220 Safety Statement
- SHWW30100 OSH Literature Review
- SHWW30080 Learning Skills
- SHWW30230 OSH Learning Portfolio

Further information on individual modules is available on www.ucd.ie/students/course_search.htm So as to ensure both 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.

"The preparation and quality of the lectures was outstanding. There were interesting, informative sessions with great group interaction in the class".

Higher Diploma in Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Student

Commitment required of Students:

The Higher Diploma programme is designed to be completed over two full years (6 semesters). Lectures and practical classes will be held on Fridays from 10 am to 5 pm for students in Stage 1 and on Tuesdays from 2 pm to 9 pm for students in Stage 2. Attendance on occasional Saturdays will also be required.

This programme is fully modularised and all modules are assessed. Assessment strategies may be work-related and include continuous assessment, assignments, projects, and examinations. Assignments, project work and self-directed learning are also required during the summer semester between the two academic years of study and in the final summer semester at the end of the programme. 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

Career Opportunities:

At the end of this programme, successful candidates will have met the academic competency requirements to manage occupational safety and health in a variety of workplace settings. Work experience and additional professional qualifications will determine the level of competency for any individual professional. Successful completion of the programme qualifies candidates to apply for graduate membership of IOSH (UK) and, subject to experience and other entry requirements, diplomates may become a chartered member of the Institute (CMIOSH) and use the title Chartered Safety and Health Practitioner. Further information is available at 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 Office website (www.ucd.ie/fees/) and refers to the fee for a single academic year. As a guide, applicants will find the annual fee for the programme, for the outgoing year, on the CSHW website (www.ucd.cshw.ie/) and this fee is subject to an annual increase.

Further information regarding fees, including the fee schedule for non-EU nationals is available on the Fees Office website www.ucd.ie/fees/

Important Dates & Information:

- Closing date for receipt of completed applications is the last working day of April.
- Successful applicants will be notified in July.
- A mandatory orientation day will be held in autumn each year, prior to commencement of the programme. Successful applicants will be notified of the date.
- The start date of the current year is available on the CSHW website (www.ucd.cshw.ie/). Lectures will be held on Fridays in Stage 1 and Tuesdays in Stage 2. Attendance on occasional Saturdays is required.
- Winter and Summer examinations are held within the periods specified in the following link www.ucd.ie/registry/academicsecretariat/

How to Apply:

Students apply on line on a UCD online application form. To apply, simply click on www.ucd.ie/apply and follow the instructions. A non-refundable application fee of €25 applies. FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) and guidance on the application process are available on our website (www.ucd.ie/cshw/applicationscshw.htm)

What must be provided with each Application:

In addition to your online application and fee, please submit a passport photograph and copies and transcripts of leaving certificates and/or post-leaving certificate Diplomas and Degrees including those relating to Safety and Health education programmes.

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 must provide proof of proficiency in English such as IELTS or TOEFL, before being considered for a place on the programme. The original certificate of completion of an English language test must be submitted by 14th August. In all cases the test results must be less than 2 years old. Please visit our website (www.ucd.ie/cshw/programmescshw.htm) for minimum test scores requirements.

Other Programmes that may be of Interest:

Applicants who are already graduates may be interested in the Degree of Master of Science – Occupational Safety and Health. An information sheet on this programme is available from the Centre for Safety and Health at Work website, www.ucd.ie/cshw

Caution

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 as requested.

Further Information:

Further particulars may be obtained from:

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