

Certificate in Safety & Health at Work

UCD School of Public Health & Population Science

Programme Code: CTLSC011
Major Code: X285

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

Understanding your Certificate:

This is a one-year, part-time multi-disciplinary Certificate programme and is pitched at level 1 (UCD), and level 7 on the NQAI (National Qualifications Authority of Ireland) framework. This programme is intended for managers, supervisors, safety representatives and others who have some responsibility for safety and health at work or those with an interest in safety and health in the workplace, particularly students who would find it difficult to travel regularly to UCD.

The programme is an introduction to all aspects of safety and health at work. It is delivered by digital satellite technology to centres (in-company facilities, training centres and Institutes of Technology) throughout Ireland.

The programme is organised over 25 weeks, delivered every Friday morning between October and May and is delivered from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (10:00 to 12:00 CET).

Admission Requirements:

Students are expected to be working while undertaking the programme. Successful applicants will have a good level of upper secondary education and to be able to write reports and to have basic computer literacy. Places are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Mapping your Certificate:

This is a one stage Certificate programme. It is an introduction to a comprehensive range of topics relating to safety and health in the workplace including: legislation; risk and safety management; identification of physical, chemical, psychosocial, and ergonomic hazards; occupational health hazard management and occupational safety hazard management. Lectures are given by leading experts in each topic, from various Schools and Colleges within UCD and other universities, the Health and Safety Authority and public and private sector industries.

The programme is arranged in four modules:

SHWW10010 Principles of Occupational Safety and Health

SHWW10020 Occupational Health Hazard Management

SHWW10030 Occupational Safety Hazard Management

Each module is assessed by assignment and by examination or in-class tests.

SHWW10040 Occupational Safety and Health Project

This module is undertaken in the student's own time, with comprehensive text support from UCD. Students who successfully complete the requirements of all modules will be awarded a Certificate.

Innovative Teaching Method:

An innovative teaching method, the UCD Media Services' Virtual Classroom, is used for the delivery of this programme. This is a direct broadcast satellite-based method of blended education using television and telephones to teach at a distance, supported by tutorials and texts. Students go to their local centres to attend class, while the lecturers themselves are in UCD.

The illustrated lectures are televised and distributed 'live' by satellite to the local learning centres. A discussion session follows, where students can telephone the lecturer with questions and get an immediate answer over the airwaves. The lectures are based on the comprehensive learning materials supplied to students and are supported by one-hour, small-group tutorials with a local tutor. Additional study resources are also provided.

Commitment required from Students:

Students are expected to attend their local centre on Friday mornings weekly and to apply their learning to their workplace setting through self-assessment and assignments. Students will also be required to devote a number of hours each week to study the provided learning materials in order to meet the learning outcomes of the programme.

"I found the course to be very informative and a great introduction to Health and Safety in the workplace. My tutor was very professional and helpful with a good sense of humour. As I am a mature student this made me feel at ease".

Certificate in Safety and Health at Work Student

Career Opportunities:

Students who successfully complete the Certificate in Safety and Health at Work will be able to advise management on a range of OSH issues in their workplace.

The UCD Certificate in Safety and Health at Work is accredited by IOSH as the academic requirement for the Tech IOSH grade of membership. Applicants for membership will also need to be able to demonstrate five years experience at an appropriate level in health and safety practice. Further information is available at www.iosh.co.uk

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:

- The closing date for receipt of applications is the last working day of September.
- The programme is organised over 25 weeks, delivered every Friday morning between October and May and is delivered from 09:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (10:00 to 12:00 CET).
- Please see the CSHW website (<http://www.ucd.cshw.ie/>) for the start date of the current year and provisional dates for examinations.

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)

Average Number of Students in Class:

Class size varies from 18 to 30. Over 400 students take the programme each year.

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:

Higher Diploma in Safety, Health and Welfare at Work

Degree of Master of Science – Occupational Safety and Health

Information sheets on both of these programmes are available from the Centre for Safety and Health at Work website, www.ucd.ie/cshw

These Programmes are offered in the Following Centres*:

Carlow Institute of Technology
Cavan Innovation Technology Centre
Cork Institute of Technology
Dundalk Institute of Technology
Laois Third Level Centre
Tallaght Institute of Technology
Tralee Institute of Technology
University College Dublin
Waterford Institute of Technology

* Subject to sufficient applications
Please note that centres may be added subject to demand.
Please visit our website at www.ucd.ie/cshw/applicationscshw.htm for the most updated list of centres.

Further Information:

Further particulars may be obtained from:

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