



Occupational Health and Safety

“NUI Galway is leading the way in the area of
Occupational Health and Safety programmes since 1985”

Occupational Health and Safety is a discipline that focuses on the welfare of people at work, the safe operations of technological systems within the workplace and the impact of workplace activity on the wider environment.

Occupational Health and Safety has become a major concern for society and is therefore considered to be an integral part of an organisation's activity. It contributes, not only to the quality of the product or service delivered, but also to the public perception of the organisation. The growing significance of Health & Safety in today's society is highlighted by increased legislation at Irish, European and international levels.

Occupational Health and Safety Course Facts

Programmes:

M.Sc. Occupational Health & Safety and Ergonomics GYS12 (full-time)

HDipAppSci. Occupational Health & Safety and Hygiene GYS17 (full-time)

Both programmes will be offered on a part time basis from September 2011 onwards.

Course level: Level 8

Entry Requirements: M.Sc.: The programme is open to individuals who have obtained a Level 8 BSc degree or its equivalent in an appropriate discipline. Students without an adequate academic background may be required to attend an interview or an examination approved by Academic Council on the recommendation of the College of Science.

HDipAppSci: The minimum entry requirement is a Level 7 BSc degree or primary degree, or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the College of Science for the purposes of this Diploma (e.g., RGN). Final selection may be made on the basis of an interview and/or a selection test.

Fees: €6,815 (full-time, EU)

€13,500 (full-time, non-EU) - and are likely to remain at this level for 2011-2012

Applying:

Online Application via www.pac.ie/nuigalway

PAC Code(s):

GYS12 (MSc.) / GYS17 (Full-time HDipp)

Closing date: Further details on closing dates can be found on www.nuigalway.ie/postgrad/assessmentdates/.

First round offers will be made mid February 2011, therefore you are advised to apply early, which may result in an early offer.



Why study Occupational Health and Safety

NUI, Galway has been at the forefront of providing postgraduate education in the area of Occupational Health & Safety since the early 1990s. Graduates of these programmes will receive a high quality qualification in the broad multidisciplinary areas of occupational health & safety and hygiene which will enable them to take on managerial responsibilities for these matters within an industry or to work with a regulatory agency or consultancy firm. Graduates will also acquire the necessary skills to pursue further research in the areas of occupational health, ergonomics, occupational hygiene, and safety engineering.

In addition these programmes are recognized by the Irish Health & Safety Authority and also satisfy the academic requirements for membership of both the U.K. Institution of Occupational Safety & Health (IOSH) and the British Occupational Hygiene Society (BOHS).

Career Opportunities

Graduates of these programmes have found employment in such careers such as Health & Safety Professionals, Health & Safety Managers, Health Promotion Officers, Occupational Hygienists, Ergonomists and Health & Safety Engineers. These employment opportunities are available in Ireland and abroad across a broad range of sectors including PharmaChem, Health Care, construction companies, consulting firms, local authorities and statutory bodies. The programme also equips its graduates with the necessary skills to pursue further research in the area of Health & Safety.

Programme Outline

Occupational Health & Safety is a multidisciplinary programme involving contributions from the College of Science, the College of Business, Public Policy & Law, the College of Engineering & Informatics and the College of Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences.

The contributions from these colleges are converted into the following subjects that are common to both the M.Sc. programme and the H.Dip. programme:

- Occupational Health.
- Research methods
- Occupational Hygiene
- Management Studies
- Minor Research Thesis (**M.Sc. only**)
- Group Project in Health & Safety (**H.Dip. only**)
- Legal Studies
- Ergonomics
- Safety & Risk Management

What our students say



Mark Ryan,
Graduate, HDipAppSci. Occupational Health & Safety and Hygiene

"I completed the H.DIP AppSc in 2008 after which I found employment in the pharmaceutical industry as an Occupational Hygienist. Having never worked in this sector I approached the role with a certain amount of trepidation but this was short lived. This course had provided me with necessary knowledge and skills to carry out all my duties and responsibilities. Each of the topics I studied play a part in my job and will do in my future career. The course successfully provides students with the fundamentals of each of the multidisciplinary areas of the Health and Safety industry which I personally have found to be invaluable."



Deirdre Ni Loideáin,
Graduate, in M.Sc. Occupational Health, Safety and Ergonomics (2007). Currently works as Environmental Health and Safety Specialist with Medtronic.

"The M.Sc. in Occupational Health, Safety and Ergonomics is very practical, students learn about occupational hygiene, accidents and incidents, occupational health, ergonomics, safety and risk management, research methods, and legal studies. It's all hands on experience. The course is not only lecture based, it also consists of a laboratory practical element, so students know what to expect when they enter the workplace"

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