This programme has been running for over 20 years and is available for individuals with clinical and non-clinical backgrounds. Over 300 doctors, nurses, engineers, scientists, ergonomists and professional health and safety consultants have completed the programme.

‘The MSc/PGDip in Occupational Health at Birmingham is internationally recognised and designed for individuals with clinical and non-clinical backgrounds who wish to develop skills and competencies through assessment and management of different work environments.’

Dr Steven Sadhra (Director of Education and Training for Occupational Health)
Why study on this course?

The course:
- is run by the Institute of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (IOEM) at the University of Birmingham which is recognised internationally for its training and research
- is accredited by both the Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) and the British Occupational Hygiene Society (BOHS) for graduate membership
- is based on face to face teaching, workplace visits, practical sessions and interaction with experts which we believe provides the best mix to broaden thinking and improve practice in Occupational Health
- has recent graduates from the UK, Bahrain, Greece, Nigeria, Ghana, Trinidad, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, Japan and UAE

Duration

We understand the pressures of juggling your work and home life and therefore this programme is offered on a flexible basis. You can study the MSc as a full-time 1 year programme, or on a part-time basis over 2 years. If you are unable to commit to the full MSc, you can also choose to take the shorter qualification of Postgraduate Diploma.

Entry requirements

A relevant first degree, those with relevant experience and professional qualifications will also be considered.

Course content and structure

The Postgraduate Diploma comprises nine modules, taught over twelve one week blocks (Monday to Friday). In addition for the MSc qualification you will also submit a dissertation in August. Each of the nine taught modules are followed by an assignment/revision week when you will consolidate your learning in your own time.

Modules include: principles and practice of occupational health, occupational exposure and risk assessment, toxicology, ergonomics, research methods, effects of work on health, fitness for work, legal aspects, mental health and risk management.

Career potential

The programme prepares doctors and nurses for their professional examinations and competencies. Graduates wishing to practice Occupational Hygiene or manage Health and Safety can become members of the British Occupational Hygiene Society (BOHS) and the Institute of Safety and Health (IOSH).

Assessment

Modules are assessed mainly by coursework and student assignments submitted within a week of completing each module. There are no end of year exams. The majority of assignments are based on workplace scenarios/case studies which helps students to develop their individual portfolios.

Contact information

For further information including full details of all modules, fees, application deadlines and how to apply, as well as access to our on-line application form, please visit our website www.birmingham.ac.uk/occhealth or contact Anna Morley on 0121 414 6013 or email occhealth@contacts.bham.ac.uk

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