

## Occupational Health MSc/Postgraduate Diploma



Established for over 15 years and completed by more than 200 students from ten different countries, this programme is based on a multidisciplinary approach to tackling a wide range of occupational health issues and is accredited by both the Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) and the British Occupational Hygiene Society (BOHS) for graduate membership.

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### Course fact file

**Type of Course:** Continuing professional development, taught

**Study Options:** Full time, part time

**Duration:** 1 year full-time, 2 years part-time

**Start date:** September

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### Details

Organised by the Institute of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (IOEM) at the University of Birmingham this programme is designed to meet the needs of postgraduate training in the prevention and control of work-related ill health and to understand the issues of ill health and its effect on work in the 21st century. Open to graduates with relevant first degrees and those with appropriate work experience including doctors, nurses, hygienists, and health and safety personnel.

### Why study this course

Aiming to develop the practitioner in occupational health and associated disciplines, this programme combines the academic and practical aspects of occupational health so that you can contribute to the development of occupational health services as well as improving practices and dealing effectively with management issues.

Benefits of studying this programme:

- The course focuses on current key topics including fitness for work, mental health, health screening, musculoskeletal disorders and management of health risk.
- Students with both clinical and non-clinical backgrounds benefit from understanding how workplace data can be collected and integrated to solve occupational health problems
- You have daily interaction with experts in occupational health and visits to workplaces enables you to put concepts into practice. The course will equip you to understand and solve a wide range of occupational health problems.
- The IOEM has a dedicated reference library and access instruments used for health screening and exposure monitoring.

### International students

The course has a history of welcoming both home and international students to the IOEM. Since its inception, graduates of the course still maintain links with the Institute. This communication allows us to continually build working relationships at a national and international level. Recent graduates have been from the United Kingdom and countries including:

- Bahrain
- Ghana
- Greece
- Lebanon
- Nigeria
- Oman
- Zimbabwe
- Saudi Arabia
- Kuwait
- UAE
- Japan

## Modules

All modules are compulsory for a full MSc award.

- **Dissertation (60 credits)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/dissertation.aspx>)
- **Effects of Work on Health and Fitness for Work (20 credits)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/effects-of-work-on-health-and-fitness-for-work.aspx>)
- **Epidemiology Statistics and Research Methods (20 credits)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/occupational-epidemiology-statistics-and-research-methods.aspx>)
- **Legal Aspects (10 credits)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/legal-aspects.aspx>)
- **Occupational Ergonomics (10 credits)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/occupational-ergonomics.aspx>)
- **Occupational Exposure and Risk Assessment I and II (20 credits)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/occupational-exposure-and-risk-assessment-i-and-ii.aspx>)
- **Occupational Mental Health (10 credits)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/occupational-mental-health.aspx>)
- **Occupational Toxicology (10 credits)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/occupational-toxicology.aspx>)
- **Principles and Practices of Occupational Health Practice (10 credits)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/principles-and-practices-of-occupational-health-practice.aspx>)
- **Risk Management (10 credits)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/risk-management.aspx>)

Please note: programmes evolve continually to keep them up to date so please check the website regularly for any changes

## Fees and funding

### 2015/16 course fees

#### UK/EU students

MSc £6210/PGDip £4140 (plus living expenses/hotel costs if necessary)

#### Non UK/EU students

Full-Time - MSc £17,960 (plus living expenses)

#### Scholarships and studentships

Scholarships may be available. International students can often gain funding through overseas research scholarships, Commonwealth scholarships or their home government. Visit our website for information about [scholarships for international students \(/International/students/finance/scholarships/index.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/scholarships/index.aspx)

For further information contact the School directly or email [sfo@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:sfo@contacts.bham.ac.uk) (<mailto:sfo@contacts.bham.ac.uk>)

## Entry requirements

You should have a relevant first degree, although those with relevant work experience or appropriate expertise will be considered

Learn more about [entry requirements \(/postgraduate/requirements-pgt/index.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/requirements-pgt/index.aspx)

### International students:

#### Academic requirements

We accept a range of qualifications, our [country pages \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/international/students/country/index.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/international/students/country/index.aspx) show you what qualifications we accept from your country.

#### English language requirements

You can satisfy our English language requirements in two ways:

- by holding an **English language qualification to the right level** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/international/index.aspx>)
- by taking and successfully completing one of our **English courses for international students** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/international/english-courses.aspx>)

English to IELTS 6.5 (with a minimum of 6.0 in each component).

## How to apply

When clicking on the Apply Now button you will be directed to an application specifically designed for the programme you wish to apply for where you will create an account with the University application system and submit your application and supporting documents online. Further information regarding how to apply online can be found on the [How to apply pages \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/apply-pg/index.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/apply-pg/index.aspx)

## Related links

[Occupational Health brochure \(/Documents/college-mds/courses/postgraduate/flyers/OccupationalHealth.pdf\)](#)

## Related news and events

[Birmingham excels in world rankings \(/news/latest/2014/08/birmingham-excels-in-world-rankings.aspx\)](#)

## Learning and teaching

- Teaching methods include formal lectures, tutorials, group work, case studies and workplace visits; the majority of lectures and practicals take place within the IOEM, which allows high-quality interaction between the academic staff and students
- The programme of teaching is supported by a variety of workplace visits that enable students to see at first hand the extent of occupational health in practice
- Each module includes tutorial time, providing an opportunity to re-address concepts and approaches to problem solving
- Learning is supported by the use of the electronic curriculum (Canvas), allowing students to access learning materials when away from the campus
- Every student on the programme has a personal tutor who can be contacted to discuss course material and understanding of specific topics as well as matters which may affect academic progress

## Our facilities

The College of Medical and Dental Sciences houses state-of-the art facilities to support a range of teaching, learning and research activity.

Our facilities ensure that students receive the best possible learning experience by working in a modern environment. Among our most recent developments include a refurbishment of the Medical School foyer, Barnes library and Wolfson Centre for Medical Education.

Explore our facilities and take a tour by moving around our 360-degree panoramas:

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Adobe Flashplayer 10.1 (or higher) or a  
HTML5 Browser with CSS 3D Transforms or WebGL support are required!

## Assessment methods

The majority of the study units (modules) on the MSc Occupational Health require the preparation and submission of written assignments. Some modules require written examinations to be taken.

## Employability

Please see the profile below to give you idea of what of our students have to say about the programme.

[Chris Baird-Clarke \(/university/colleges/mds/alumni/our-alumni/profiles/postgrad/chris-baird-clarke.aspx\)](#)

[Find out more about where our postgraduate students go \(/Documents/college-mds/courses/postgraduate/employability-info/employabilityinfo-haps-jan2014.pdf\)](#)

## Careers Support for Postgraduate Students

### Careers Network – We can help you get ahead in the job market and develop your career

We recognise that as a postgraduate student you are likely to have specific requirements when it comes to planning for your next career step. Employers expect postgraduates to have a range of skills that exceed their subject knowledge. Careers Network offers a range of events and support services that are designed for all students, including postgraduates looking to find their niche in the job market.

Here are just a few ways in which we can help postgraduates to get ahead:

- Careers Networking opportunities
- Effective careers strategy toolkit
- Year planner for all postgraduate students
- Masters Career Coaching Workshops
- One to one careers guidance

The Careers Network also have subject specific careers consultants and advisers for each College so you can be assured the information you receive will be relevant to your subject area. They also have a dedicated careers website for [international students \(http://www.as.bham.ac.uk/careers/international/index.shtml\)](http://www.as.bham.ac.uk/careers/international/index.shtml) where you can find useful resources and information.

For more information visit the [Careers Network website \(http://www.intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/careers\)](http://www.intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/careers).

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