

Principles and Practices of Occupational Health Practice

Module Overview

Within this module, a firm foundation will be provided upon which you may build your professional practice. Topics will include: Definitions of health and fitness; Historical perspective; Modern stakeholders; Surveillance information in the UK, including notification systems; Nature, extent and distribution of occupational ill health in the UK, trends and forecasts; Concept of hazard and risk; Foundations of risk management; Required outcomes of occupational health practice; Evidence-based practice; Health screening and surveillance (including biological and biological effects monitoring); Policies, plans and priorities; Structures and processes, Resource management, Ethics, audit, governance, communication; Taking an occupational history; Format for factory walk round.

Learning outcomes

By the end of the module you should be able to:

- Demonstrate and communicate to stakeholders and others a systematic knowledge and understanding of the concepts and importance of health, fitness, and hazard identification and risk assessment in relation to work in modern society;
- Evaluate, criticise and apply information on hazards, health patterns and trends from appropriate sources;
- Apply appropriate management principles to define, plan and lead delivery and communication of appropriate occupational health outcomes effectively and efficiently.

Credits

10 credits

Module Dates

2014/15 dates

29 September 2014 – 3 October 2014

Assessment

Essays and presentation

Academics involved in the delivery of this module

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