

Graduate Diploma in Occupational Safety & Health (GDipOSH)

The Graduate Diploma in Occupational Safety and Health at Massey University has been devised to provide people holding a first degree or other qualifications, including relevant work experience, with advanced knowledge and skills in the multidisciplinary area of occupational safety and health.

Why study Occupational Safety and Health?

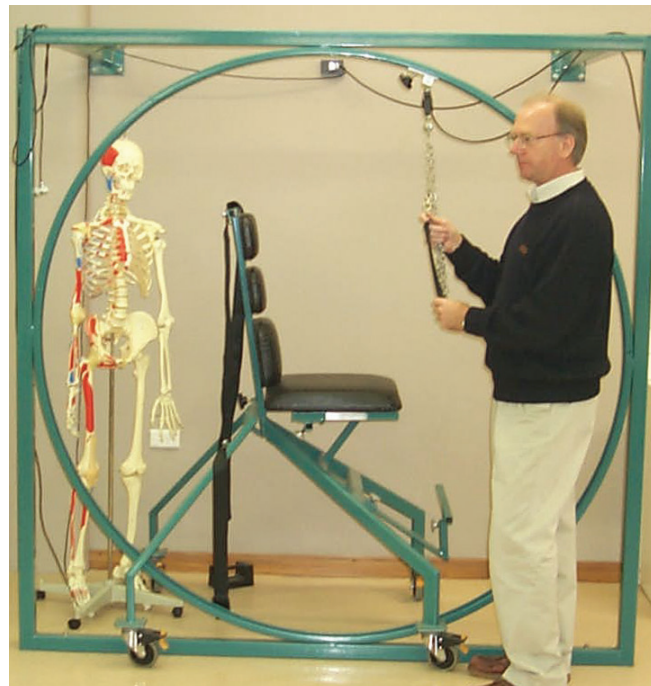
Occupational safety and health has become an integral part of business in New Zealand over the past few years. It has been identified by the National Occupational Health and Safety Advisory Committee (NOHSAC) as a critical area in which there is a national deficiency in expertise. The occupational safety and health programme at Massey University is one of the few tertiary academic programmes in New Zealand that is designed to rectify this deficiency.

The GDipOSH programme is supported by Massey University's Centre for Ergonomics, Occupational Safety and Health (CErgOSH) which is an international leader in OSH and Ergonomics research, consultancy and delivery of short courses.

The programme has a structure which gives participants exposure to a variety of disciplinary approaches. It has strengths in a number of areas including occupational hygiene, hazard management, OHS management systems development, evaluation and ergonomics. The Diploma differs from other courses which might approach occupational safety and health from a social science or health perspective.

You don't necessarily need an undergraduate degree to study for this diploma.

If you are interested in studying for a university qualifications in OSH - a Graduate Diploma in OSH (GDipOSH) - you would normally need an undergraduate degree to gain entry to Massey University's 'GDipOSH' programme. However, you could be accepted on to the programme if you can show that you have practical industry experience which is considered 'equivalent' to a degree. Many GDipOSH graduands have entered the programme at Massey this way. Massey does not undervalue the importance of 'work experience or professional qualifications'. Indeed one of the papers in the GDipOSH is in fact a 'Project in OSH' and can be undertaken in your workplace. So without an existing degree but with relevant work experience, you can apply to Massey for 'Admission with Equivalent Status (AES)' to start the Graduate Diploma in Occupational Safety and Health (GDipOSH). A 2005 report by the NZ National Occupational Health and Safety Advisory Committee has advised the government that there is a clear need for qualified OSH and other similar specialists, so why not apply to study the Massey GDipOSH via AES!



Papers:

The Diploma comprises 120 credits, as follows:

- (a) **The following compulsory papers**
 - 114.271 Occupational Safety and Health I
 - 114.272 Occupational Safety and Health II
 - 114.374 Project in Occupational Safety and Health
 - 128.300 Ergonomics
 - (b) **one or both of:**
 - 114.372 Occupational Hygiene
 - 114.375 Special Topic in Occupational Safety and Health
 - (c) **Additional elective papers selected from¹:**
 - 114.240, 114.241, 114.242, 114.254, 114.326,
 - 114.327, 114.370², 147.201, 152.386, 152.387,
 - 214.213, 214.311, 214.312, 128.702³, 128.705³,
 - 128.706³, 128.707³, 128.709³,
- Or** Other papers as approved by the Head of Department

¹60 of the 120 credits required for this Diploma must be at 300-level.

²Block course fees applies

³Graduate Status

The programme of study can be flexibly adjusted to suit your individual circumstances. Also, all of the Massey papers in the GDipOSH are offered in the extramural mode, which means you can study from home or, even better, ask your employer to give you some time to study. They might even pay some paper fees for you!

The GDipOSH is designed to be completed part-time over at least two years. If you take three years or less to complete, you would be eligible to have the degree awarded with distinction, should your grades allow. Some extramural papers have a 'practical hands-on' block contact module of 2-5 days. Some can be taken as 'internal' students.

Career Opportunities

Among those whose career opportunities could be enhanced by completion of qualifications in occupational safety and health are:

- Staff of the Accident compensation Corporation (ACC)
- Staff of the Occupational Safety and Health Service of the Department of Labour (DoL)
- Health and Safety Coordinators
- Management and human resource management specialists
- Occupational health and safety consultants
- Occupational health nurses
- Medical practitioners involved in occupational medicine
- Air pollution and noise control specialists
- Consulting and design engineers
- Ergonomists
- Scientists

Recent graduates have successfully found employment in the Department of Labour, ACC, petroleum companies, CRI's, hospitals and government departments.

Topics covered:

- OSH Management
- Occupational hygiene
- Occupational ergonomics
- Legislation and standards
- Injury epidemiology
- Occupational disease
- Accident causation
- Accident Investigation
- Hazard management
- Physical, chemical and biological
- OSH Auditing
- Hazardous substances & new organisms (HSNO)
- Disorders pain and injury (DP&I)

Centre for Ergonomics Occupational Safety and Health (CErgOSH) is an international leading provider of research consultancy and specialist short courses.

Should you wish to discuss your suitability for the course, or if you require further information please contact:



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