

Master of Occupational Health and Safety

(incorporating the Graduate Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety)

2017

Postgraduate Coursework

Program Snapshot

Program code: MC135



DURATION

Graduate Diploma:

2 years part-time

Masters: an additional

1 year part-time



LOCATION

City campus



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Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) concerns the application of scientific principles to understand the nature of risks to the safety and health of people in workplaces.

It is a multidisciplinary profession with applications in all industries and commerce.

Both community expectation and government legislation demand an increasingly higher level of protection for employees and the community from risks that threaten their safety and health. As such, there is also an increasing demand in society for professionals with experience and qualifications in OHS.

The Masters in OHS provides an opportunity to engage in a substantial work based research project to extend your knowledge base through courses in business management or occupational hygiene.

The program is built on your learning from the Graduate Diploma in OHS and provides you with the opportunity to undertake:

- a substantial research activity, allowing you to reflect on the OHS theory and practice
- specialist Occupational Hygiene courses in addition to an occupational hygiene research project.
- courses from the RMIT MBA program in addition to an occupational hygiene research program. This option is suitable for students looking to move into OHS management roles.

Learning and teaching

The program is run face-to-face in block mode supported by real time online tutorials.

Generally, courses are held over one week (Monday – Friday, 9am to 5pm), before the beginning of the academic semester, e.g. mid-February and mid-July. Online tutorials are held one evening per fortnight for each course.

The program includes an individual research activity in the third year to ensure that you can reflect critically on the OHS theory and practice.

Industry connections

RMIT is committed to providing you with an education that strongly links formal learning with professional or vocational practice.

Many assignments are designed to put theory into workplace practice providing an education that is directly applicable to your role as an OHS professional.

Career outlook

Graduates find work within industry, government, the service sector, consulting or in workers' compensation insurance companies.

Generalist practitioners are called health and safety executives (HSE), OHS managers, risk managers, OHS coordinators or safety officers.

Graduates with the occupational Hygiene minor would be called Occupational or Industrial Hygienists or Occupational Hygiene Managers

Positions with environmental responsibilities are known as EHS or SHE (safety, health and environment) managers.

Professional recognition

The Master and Graduate Diploma in OHS are accredited by the Australian OHS Education Accreditation Board.

Application has been made for accreditation of the Occupational Hygiene minor with the Australian Institute of Occupational Hygienists.

An accredited qualification in the minimum requirement for professional certification as an OHS professional and/or Occupational Hygienist.

Graduates are eligible for professional membership with the Safety Institute of Australia (SIA), the body representing OHS professionals and practitioners and the Australian Institute of Occupational Hygienists. With appropriate experience graduates can become a Chartered Professional Member (CPMSIA) or Certified Occupational Hygienists.

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Program structure

On completion of the Graduate Diploma you may apply for entry to the Master program (Total of 144 credit points).

Entry into the Master program is dependent on a Distinction average grade achieved in the Graduate Diploma.

After completion of the Graduate Diploma, you can choose on of three options, depending on your career goals:

Option A – Research Intensive

Complete the following core courses:

- Research Methods
- Research Project 1
- Research Project 2

Option B – Occupational Hygiene Minor

Complete the following core courses:

- Toxicology and Epidemiology
- Measurement and Control of the Workplace
- Environment
- Assessment and Control of Physical and Biological Hazards
- Occupational Hygiene Project

Option C – Management Option

- Introduction to Business Management
- Leadership and Management
- Management 1 Managing People
- Work Health and Safety Research Project

How to apply

Direct to RMIT University:
rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/direct

Application dates Semester 1, 2017

- Applications open 14 August 2016
- Timely applications close 10 November 2016

Semester 2, 2017

- Applications open 1 May 2017
- Timely applications close 31 May 2017

Late applications will continue to be accepted after this date if places are still available.

Fees

Full-fee: AU\$14,400 per annum

This program is usually run on a part-time basis. The 2017 quoted fee is based on a total annual load of 48 credit points.

Fees shown above apply to 2017 only. Tuition fees are adjusted on an annual basis and these fees should only be used as a guide.

For more information and to learn how to calculate your exact tuition fees see:

rmit.edu.au/programs/fees/postgraduate

Entry requirements

Applicants must have completed the RMIT Graduate Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety with a GPA of at least 3.0 out of 4.0.

If applicants have graduated from another university with a Graduate Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety or equivalent, they may be considered for entry if they have a GPA of at least 3.0 out of 4.0, or equivalent.