

Postgraduate Diploma in Occupational Health Practice (Full-time and Part-time)

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Background

A Diploma of Occupational Health Practice programme (formerly: Occupational Nursing) was started in 1985 by the Department of Community and Family Medicine. This was upgraded to a Postgraduate Diploma programme under the Graduate School of The Chinese University of Hong Kong in 2004.

The importance of occupational health to the Hong Kong community is becoming increasingly recognised. Nurses and other health care professionals need to protect and promote the health and welfare of Hong Kong's greatest asset – its workforce. This Postgraduate Diploma programme is designed for nurses and other health care professionals whose work brings them into contact with the health problems of workers, and with specific occupational and work-related diseases, in hospital, industrial, or general medical clinics. This is a part-time day course and is suitable for people who are actively employed in these areas.

Starting in September 2009, the programme will also be offered in the full-time study mode, with blocks of several weeks of full-time study spread through the year.

Why Study Here

We provide the only taught Postgraduate Diploma programme, in Hong Kong and in neighbouring regions, which are dedicated to occupational medicine. The programme emphasise classroom teaching as well as practical and clinical experience, which are necessary for acquiring the relevant competencies in the profession. With small class sizes, we encourage direct interactions between participants and teachers.

Who Should Apply

The target candidates are nurses and health-related professionals who are committed to protecting and promoting the health and welfare of employees.

Aims and Features

The aim of the programme is to provide advanced training for health professionals who want to specialise in the practice of occupational health. Graduates of the programme will have acquired the necessary competencies to practise in the occupational health facilities of the government, other public institutions, and in the community.

Programme Structure

The programme comprises 120 teaching hours and 40 hours for the completion of practical coursework. The satisfactory completion of the course (which includes completing the practical coursework and passing the assessment tests at the end of each module) counts towards 160 credit hours (15 Units).

The modules:-

	Code	Title	Units
Year 1	PBH7301-OHS5001	Fundamentals of Occupational Health	3
	PBH7331-OHP5002	Principles and Practice of Occupational Health Practice	6
	PBH7332-OHP5003	Practical and Project Work in Occupational Health Practice	6
TOTAL UNITS			15

Core Courses:-

PBH7301-OHS5001 Fundamentals of Occupational Health (3 Units)

A basic course for students intending to study any discipline of the occupational health sciences. General basic principles in the practice of occupational health and hygiene will be introduced. Other topics include applied toxicology, physical hazards, chemical hazards, biological hazards, ergonomics, and occupational psychology.

PBH7331-OHP5002 Principles and Practice of Occupational Health Practice (6 Units)

This is the follow-up to course PBH7301-OHS5001, for nurses who want to specialise in the discipline of occupational health nursing and practice. Common and important occupational diseases and work-related health problems will be introduced, as well as the importance of health promotion in the workplace. Practical aspects in occupational health practice will be emphasised.

Prerequisite: PBH7301-OHS5001 Fundamentals of Occupational Health

PBH7332-OHP5003 Practical and Project Work in Occupational Health Practice (6 Units)

Each student is required to complete a number of practical and project assignments related to the practice of occupational health. The assignments include workplace health hazard evaluations, clinical attachments, and their associated reports, as well as a project related to occupational health. Students will need to demonstrate competency in utilising the knowledge and skills acquired during the diploma programme. Presentations in class and written reports will be required for the assessment of performance in this module.

Teaching Format

The teaching format will include lectures, tutorials, project work, literature reviews, critical appraisals, and visits. The medium of instruction is English.

Teaching Faculty

External specialist lecturers will be invited as required to complement existing expertise within the Department of Community and Family Medicine. These lecturers will be from departments of the Faculty of Medicine at the CUHK, as well as other faculties. Experts from the Department of Health, the Labour Department, and other tertiary institutions will also be invited to join the teaching faculty.

Duration / Modes of Study / Tuition Fees

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9 months	Full-time	HK\$39,000
1 year	Part-time	HK\$39,000

Course and Unit Exemptions

Graduates from the Diploma in Occupational Health Practice programme at the Department of Community and Family Medicine, who want to undertake further studies through the Postgraduate Diploma in Occupational Health Practice, may apply for unit exemptions.

Graduation Requirements

Student performance is assessed on a course-by-course basis. Students are required to attend at least 80% of the lectures, seminars, tutorials, and practical sessions, and obtain a 'satisfactory pass' in the assessment of each module, with a cumulative overall GPA of at least 2.0.

In addition, students have to comply with the requirements of proficiency in information technology (IT) before they can be awarded the Master of Occupational Medicine, as stipulated by the Graduate School.

How to Apply

Admission requirements:-

Applicants are required to hold a Bachelor's degree in nursing or an approved health-related field. The degree should be awarded by a local university, or by an overseas university of acceptable standing and where English is the medium of instruction. In the

case of candidates from non-English universities, the Graduate School's English language requirements for admission will apply.

Admission procedures:-

- By completing the online request form in the Graduate School website (<http://www2.cuhk.edu.hk/gss/>);
- In person from the Graduate School Secretariat, 4/F, Academic Building No.1, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong or from Mr. C.C. Lee, Room 420, 4/F, School of Public Health, Prince of Wales Hospital, Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong; or
- By sending a stamped (HK\$8.20), self-addressed envelope (A4 size) to the Programme Administrator.

Completed application form should reach the School of Public Health, Prince of Wales Hospital, Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong by the end of March of each academic year. Applicants are encouraged to use online application procedures to save time and postage. Please visit the Graduate School website at <http://www2.cuhk.edu.hk/gss/>.

Application deadline:-

March 31, 2009

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