Register of OHS Professional Education Programs

2014

Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) Level 8
(Graduate Diploma)

Note that most of the Graduate Diploma programs have the Graduate Certificate as an exit option but as the graduate certificate does not enable the holder to be professionally certified these program options are not listed here.

Some universities with Masters by Course work programs do not have a Graduate Diploma but have a Graduate Certificate as an alternative entry requirement for the Masters programs. These programs may have an optional exit point with a Graduate Diploma. Refer to the Masters listing for information on these programs.

The programs in blue text are accredited by the Australian OHS Education Accreditation Board. These qualifications meet the knowledge requirements for OHS professional certification for graduates.

As accreditation has only been available since April 2012 other universities are currently in the process of applying for accreditation. Contact the registrar on registrar@ohseducationaccreditation.org.au for further information on accreditation and accredited programs.

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| **Title of programs for accreditation** | **Graduate Diploma in OHSE Management**  
(as provided by university for 2013) |
| **Post nominals for program** | GradDip in OHSEM |
| **AQF level of program** | AQF level 8 |
| **Year of establishment of program** | July 2012 |
| **Minimum pre-requisites for application** | Degree in relevant discipline or suitable experience |
| **Duration** | Both full time and part time available  
- Full time equivalent 1 year  
- Minimum 1 year  
- Average 2 years  
- Maximum 3 years |
| **Mode of delivery** | Fully online |
| **Brief description of program** | Corporate governance, OHSE Principles, OHSE Management Systems and OHSE law, Risk Management, Ergonomics and Human factors, Toxicology and Occupational Hygiene, and OHSE Management Systems Auditing. |
| **Program leader** | Prof Alan Bowen-James |

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**Central Queensland University**

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**Contact**

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Program

Title of program for accreditation
Graduate Diploma of Occupational Health and Safety
(as provided by university for 2013)

Post nominals for program
GradDipOHS

Web link for program details

AQF level of program
AQF level 8

Year of establishment of program
1996

Minimum pre-requisites for application
A three year Bachelor degree from an Australian university. Consideration may also be given on an individual basis to applicants with:
- professional OHS (non-degree) qualifications or equivalent and who have had at least five years work experience at a middle or higher management level; or
- other relevant qualifications but working towards professional OHS career development.

Students applying for entry via this alternative approach need to provide and show the ability to:
- write high level reports
- read and analyse academic literature, government policy texts and create detailed reports
- complete high level numeracy tasks applicable to workplace situations.

Duration
Part time and full time available
Full time equivalent 1 year

Mode of delivery
Distance mode with compulsory on-campus workshops
[Total days compulsory attendance = 10

Brief description of program
The aim of the Graduate Diploma of Occupational Health and Safety is to prepare professionals working in industry and community services in advanced aspects of occupational health and safety.

On completion of the program, students will be able to:
• identify and anticipate health and safety hazards in the workplace and recommend a systematic approach for their assessment and control
• utilise knowledge from specialised disciplines in the application of effective prevention and control programs in the workplace
• demonstrate effective consultation and communication processes in ways which make appropriate use of managerial and industrial frameworks and the social context of the workplace
• analyse the implications of political, economic, sociological and technological trends on workplace health and safety practices
• promote a safe and healthy workforce through provision of education and information programs.

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Program
Title of program        Graduate Diploma of Rail Safety Management
(as provided by university for 2013)
Post nominals for program GradDipRailSMgt
AQF level of program    AQF level 8
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<td>- A three year Bachelor degree from an Australian university or equivalent international qualifications</td>
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**Curtin University of Technology**

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Program

Title of program
Graduate Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety

Post nominals for program
GradDipOccHlthSfty(Curtin)

Web link for program details

AQF level of program
8

Year of establishment of program or proposed date for first delivery
Postgraduate courses in OSH have been running since the early 1980s as subsets of the Master of Public Health.

Minimum pre-requisites for application
Bachelor’s degree from recognised and accredited University

Duration
Part time/Full Time available

Full time equivalent
1 year

Minimum (in months)
1 year

Average (in months)
2 years

Maximum in months
4 years

Mode of delivery
Full distance mode – Course delivered Fully Online

Brief description of program

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Program
Title of program
Graduate Diploma of Occupational Health & Safety

Accreditation status
Accredited 2013-2017

Post nominals for program
GradDipOccSaf&Hlth

Web link for program details
http://www.ecu.edu.au/future-students/our-courses/overview?id=S73

AQF level of program
AQF Level 8

Year of establishment of program
2008

Minimum pre-requisites for application
Undergraduate qualification or successful completion of the Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma in OHS

Duration
Part Time or Full Time available
Full time equivalent 1 year

Mode of delivery
Full distance mode

Brief description of program
Students complete 6 units which is the core of the 12 unit Masters of OHS. The course has been developed in consultation with industry specialist and is delivered by industry specialists.

Program leader
A/Prof Sue Reed
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Refer to Register of OHS professional education programs: Masters listing

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Mode of delivery for 2012  Distance mode with compulsory on campus workshops.
[Total days compulsory attendance = 24]

Brief description of program  The Graduate Diploma in Occupational and Environmental Health offers a student the attitudes, skills and knowledge needed to provide health services to reduce harm to health and injury due to work and community factors.

Program leader  Professor Malcolm Sim

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| Minimum pre-requisites for application | Degree in science, health sciences or related field. Students without a degree can apply for special entry if they have an AQF Level 5 OHS Diploma, at least three years full-time professional experience in an OHS role and can demonstrate a capacity to undertake post-graduate studies. |
| Duration | Part time or Full Time available |
|          | Full time equivalent 1 year  |
|          | Minimum 1 year               |
| Mode of delivery | Face-to-face, or Distance model with provision of some on-campus workshops |
| Brief description of program | The course aims to produce generalist OHS professionals who can work as OHS advisors/ coordinators, government inspectors and OHS managers. Eight Units (no electives). OHS Management, OHS Law & Policy, Ergonomics, Occupational Health, Toxicology and Occupational Hygiene, Epidemiology & Research methods, Contemporary Risk Management and Risk Assessment. |
| Program leader | Assoc. Prof. Warwick Pearse |

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Post nominals for program: Grad Dip OHS

Web link for program details: http://www.rmit.edu.au/handbook/gd052p13auscy

AQF level of program: AQF level 8

Year of establishment of program or proposed date for first delivery: 1999

Major revision and altered delivery mode, 2013

Minimum pre-requisites for application:
- Bachelor degree or better
- Diploma of Occupational Health and Safety (BSB51307) with a GPA of 2 or higher and 3 years of relevant OHS experience

See RMIT GD052 website for additional English language requirement.

Duration:
- Part time only
- Full time equivalent: 1 year
- Minimum: 2 years
- Average: 2 years
- Maximum: 4 years

Mode of delivery for 2013: Mixed mode delivery.

Students will be expected to be present at the Melbourne city campus for one full week (8:30 – 5:00 each day) each semester for face-to-face lectures, practicals and case studies.

This will be followed with a series of evening on-line real-time tutorials covering issues of importance related to the study materials as well as discussion on practical application of the material.

All lectures and study materials are available electronically.

Assignments will be submitted and returned marked electronically.


The learning and assessment approach used at RMIT is designed to prepare the student for professional practice. The general approach is to apply a risk management model to hazards in the workplace, recognising the context, evaluating the risk, and generating solutions. Students use the model of OHS Professional Practice for problem solving which involves gathering information about the issue, diagnosing the issue, developing and implementing appropriate interventions, and evaluating their effectiveness, all the while communicating with relevant stakeholders.

Topics covered include:
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Program

Title of program: Graduate Diploma of Occupational Hazard Management

Post nominals for program: GDipOHM

Web link for program details: http://www.ballarat.edu.au/

AQL level of program: AQL level 8

Year of establishment of program or proposed date for first delivery: 1979

Minimum pre-requisites for application:

- A Bachelor Degree or;
- A Diploma or Advanced Diploma in OHS plus at least two years OHS experience in a workplace or;
- At least three years OHS management experience.
Duration
Full time equivalent 1 year
Average duration 2 years

Mode of delivery
Block mode Total days of blocks =55

Brief description of program
The program provides the skills and knowledge for health and safety specialists to be able to manage the health and safety function using evidence informed practice, and to coherently argue, justify and implement solutions based upon the designing-out of health and safety problems.

Program leader
Steve Young/Jenny Blitvich

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Refer to Register of OHS professional education programs: Masters listing

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<td>A relevant first degree, advanced diploma, three-year diploma or equivalent from a recognised higher education institution, together with a minimum of two years of appropriate work experience. OR Applicants who have completed the Graduate Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety Management, achieving a grade of P1 or higher in all courses will be eligible for entry into the Graduate Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety Management.</td>
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<td>Brief description of program</td>
<td>Occupational Health and Safety is an area of prime importance in the management of enterprises and other workplaces, generating a demand for qualified occupational health and safety professionals. The core of the program is focused around the development of skills in OHS Law, Risk Management, Safety Statistics &amp; Data Analysis, Incident Investigation, Occupational Hygiene, Ergonomics and an understanding of Occupational Disease and Epidemiology.</td>
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<td>The course develops knowledge and skills in the scientific, behavioural, legal and business aspects of <em>Work Health &amp; Safety</em>, with sufficient content to satisfy the requisite knowledge for professional membership in a number of organisations. As a point of difference from other courses, this Graduate Diploma is underpinned with the theme of providing the science behind policy and practice and involves opportunities for students to network with industry representatives and participate in WHS teams through practicum placement.</td>
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