

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH NURSING

Overview

Faculty of Nursing

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Occupational Health Nursing (OHN) focuses on protecting workers from hazards in their work, promoting workers' health, preventing illness and injuries and placing workers in jobs suited to their physical, mental and psychosocial abilities. The broad scope of practice encompasses the application of theoretical principles in management, health assessment, health education, counselling, occupational hygiene, toxicology, program development, information management, primary care, emergency response, disability management and client advocacy.

This 30-credit program is offered via online distance delivery, which allows students to study while they maintain their personal and professional obligations. In combination with required clinical hours this program prepares graduates to write the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) Occupational Health Nursing certification exam.

Career Potential

There is a broad spectrum of employment opportunities for a qualified OHN. Prospective places of employment include the manufacturing, food processing, petrochemical and mining industries, as well as health care agencies, government offices and educational institutions.

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Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
OCCH 300	Introduction to Occupational Health Nursing ¹	3
OCCH 301	Occupational Environments ¹	4
OCCH 302	Occupational Health Screening ¹	4
OCCH 303	Field Experience in Occupational Health Nursing ¹	2
OCCH 304	Occupational Health Program Development ¹	3
OCCH 305	Disability Management ¹	3
OCCH 306	Trends and Issues in Occupational Health ¹	3
OCCH 307	Occupational Toxicology ¹	3
OCCH 308	Occupational Health Surveillance ¹	3
OCCH 309	Occupational Health Nursing: Final Project ¹	2
University Level English ¹		3
Total Credits		33

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The minimum passing grade for this course is a C-.

The minimum passing grade for a course at MacEwan University is a D unless otherwise noted next to the appropriate course in the program of study.

Course Substitutions

Credit Earned in:	May Be Substituted for Credit in Program Course:
ENGL 102 OR ENGL 100	ENGL 111 OR ENGL 108

Program Regulations

Program Time Limit - Exemption

A student in Occupational Health Nursing has four years from the first day of the term of acceptance to complete all requirements to be eligible for a credential (Program Time Limits policy).

Program Graduation Regulations

Active Registered Nurse License

Students must meet the specific registered nurse requirements as set out in the admission criteria for the duration of the program or they may be required to withdraw from the program. Prior to graduation students are required to complete a three-credit English course.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Occupational Health Nursing program, graduates will:

1. Assess the work environment and activities and apply principles of hazard identification, evaluation, and control.
2. Design, implement, manage, and evaluate workplace health and safety programs that are consistent with legislative requirements.
3. Apply principles of current management, business, and organizational theories when directing the occupational health program.
4. Establish and communicate the mission, vision, values, and goals of occupational and environmental health programs and services.
5. Develop, implement, and review policies, programs, and procedures for employee health surveillance and intervention.
6. Provide and coordinate ability and case management.
7. Provide assessment and care to minimize the effects of illness and injury of employees.
8. Plan, implement, and evaluate health promotion and disease prevention strategies and programs in the workplace.
9. Establish and maintain an employee health information system in a secure and confidential manner, according to company policy and statutory requirements.
10. Use an ethical framework as a guide in practice.

Admission Requirements

Applicants may be admitted to the following:

Regular Admission

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

Applicants must be actively registered as a Registered Nurse in Canada or licensed as a nurse in another country, and have received a practicing permit from their professional provincial jurisdiction.

Additional Admission Criteria

All applicants must meet the following:

1. English Language Proficiency

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

Applicable to All Admission Categories

All applicants must meet an acceptable level of English language proficiency. We will require official documents such as high school or post-secondary transcripts or proof of successful completion of standardized language evaluation. Full details are available in MacEwan University's academic calendar or online at MacEwan.ca/ELP.