

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH NURSING

Faculty of Nursing

Department of Interprofessional Education and Simulation Learning

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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.

Transferability

All courses completed for the Occupational Health Nursing certificate are credit courses and may be transferable individually toward further study at other Alberta institutions. Students presenting a completed certificate in this program may be eligible for a block transfer to other Alberta institutions. For current, detailed information on individual course and certificate transferability, refer to the Learner Pathways System at www.transferalberta.ca (<http://www.transferalberta.ca>) or contact the receiving institution directly.

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Category of Admission

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.

Program of Study

Course ID	Course Name	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
Total Credits		30

¹ 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 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 (C2075 Program Time Limits).

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.