

# Occupational and Environmental Health Nursing

## Program Description

This interdisciplinary program offers master's and doctoral education for nurses who wish to establish core competencies in the area of occupational and environmental health. Supported since 1977 by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, the Occupational and Environmental Health Nursing program offers Master of Public Health (MPH), joint Master of Science in Nursing/Master of Public Health (MSN/MPH) and doctoral degrees (PhD and DrPH). The program is part of the Johns Hopkins Education and Research Center for Occupational Safety and Health (ERC), which resides in the Department of Environmental Health Sciences, Division of Occupational and Environmental Health.

Master's graduates hold leadership positions in the private sector, federal agencies, consulting, military services, labor unions and other organizations that are concerned with protecting the health and safety of the workforce and community. They are prepared for new opportunities that are arising as the field of occupational and environmental health expands. Doctoral graduates enter careers as independent researchers who work in academia, research institutes and other agencies that focus on the advancement of knowledge in occupational and environmental health. The DrPH program is specifically aimed at integrating and applying a broad range of knowledge and analytic skills in leadership, practice, policy analysis and program management.

## Educational Resources

- Interdisciplinary education with occupational and environmental hygienists, occupational and environmental health physicians, occupational injury epidemiologists and others.
- Access to faculty from all departments of the School and elective courses in student's areas of interest. Additionally, students in the MSN/MPH program take courses and interact with faculty in the School of Nursing.
- Optional field experiences, such as participation in work-site evaluations as part of interdisciplinary teams and internships with government agencies or private sector organizations.
- Research opportunities in ongoing occupational and environmental studies.

## Curriculum

In addition to respective degree requirements and participation in a seminar series, the Occupational and Environmental Health Nursing program curriculum includes the following:

*Public Health Toxicology*  
*Fundamentals of Occupational Health*  
*Occupational Health and Vulnerable Worker Populations*  
*Principles of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene*  
*Clinical Occupational and Environmental Toxicology*  
*Occupational Health*  
*Safety/Injury Prevention* (from set of options)

The full-time MPH program is 11 months, July-June, and the full-time MSN/MPH program is 18 months, July-December. Part-time study is also an option. Doctoral programs vary in length. While all degree options require some courses to be taken on-site, many courses are also available online.

## Faculty

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## Application Requirements

- Graduate Record Examination scores
- Evidence of two years of health-related work experience
- Three letters of reference
- A strong academic record
- Statement of personal objectives

## Certificate Programs

The school offers 10 certificate programs, including one in Environmental and Occupational Health, which may be pursued by non-degree students as well as those concurrently enrolled in academic programs. The admission standards and requirements vary by program.

## Further Information

[www.jhsph.edu/dept/ehs/about/divisions/oeh/index.html](http://www.jhsph.edu/dept/ehs/about/divisions/oeh/index.html)

A prospectus and application form are available from:  
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