



Postgraduate Diploma in Occupational Health

The Postgraduate Diploma in Occupational Health (PG DOH) offered by the School of Public Health, University of Cape Town (UCT), aims to equip candidates with the values, knowledge and skills to enable them to practice effective and ethical occupational health in a variety of clinical and workplace contexts, as required by South African occupational health and safety legislation. The PG DOH is fully recognized by the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) as an additional qualification, thereby fulfilling the requirements for graduate's designation as an Occupational Medicine Practitioner (OMP).

Applications are invited for this postgraduate diploma commencing in January 2027, which runs over two years in a blended learning format that includes **three weeklong face-to-face/in-person modules** at UCT, **one weeklong web-based module** with on-line quizzes and practical tasks. Residential contact time in each module will consist of lectures, workplace visits, practicums and examinations. Attendance of contact block sessions in Cape Town is **compulsory** and failure to attend will result in de-registration from the programme.

The course is open to only graduates with an MBChB/MBBS degree, at least two years' appropriate practical experience and having access to workplace-based health services to enable completion of practical assignments.

The curriculum covers the following modules:

- Occupational Health Risk Assessment and Management
- Occupational Medicine and Work Ability
- Occupational health services management, ethics and legislation
- Practising integrated occupational health in context

Further course requirements are the submission of 4 portfolio assignments, covering a workplace health risk assessment; work-related clinical case evaluation; designing an occupational health service; and compiling an integrated portfolio of occupational health practice dossier.

All applications at UCT need to be completed online at: <https://applyonline.uct.ac.za> before the due date below. Applications need to be accompanied by a CV with full academic transcript included, and a letter of motivation for wanting to do the diploma.

For further information, please contact Mrs Lynne Harper on dohadmin@uct.ac.za

Click [here](#) for further information on the programme.

The closing date for applications: 31st July 2026